



2021 Jasper Harris, Jr. Aviation Scholarship



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It is an honor to even be considered for this scholarship that is offered in memory of a well-educated, innovated man who was able to help make a difference in the world. Jasper Harris, Jr. went into a field where there was nobody that looked like him, faced adversity and still was an impactful contributor. Now, I am trying to do the same thing, go into a field where there are not nearly enough African American pilots, and make a change. When I first was introduced to the aviation path, I was astonished and fascinated by how planes fly. Since then I was immediately drawn to the field of aviation and from this birthed my dream of becoming a pilot.

The 1st step I have taken to achieve this dream of mine is by entering into the Red-Tailed Hawks Youth Program in the 6th grade, I remained committed in the program throughout high school and even graduated at top of my class in the Red-Tailed Hawks Flight Lesson for Youth (FLY) summer program in 2017 at Paine Field. Another step towards my goal is by attending Big Bend Community College to do my pilot training there. I have passed the FAA private pilot knowledge exam and received an 88%. I persevered to overcome the adversity of the COVID-19 pandemic during my freshman year and accomplished my solo flight, cross country, and stage three check flight. I am still motivated and dedicated to my dream of becoming a professional pilot. Thank you for considering me for this scholarship. This funding will help me achieve my goals.

