



## 2021 Jasper Harris, Jr. Aviation Scholarship



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I am blessed by the encouragement and support the Red-Tailed Hawks has provided in my quest for a career in aviation. Since joining RTH in 2015, I have found several ways to serve my community and exemplify the RTH mission. By participating in aviation related organizations such as RTH, WIA, EAA, and BAO, I have been a positive role model and now that my piloting skills have advanced, become a more capable mentor. In 2018 I represented RTH at 'Girls Fly', encouraging girls in junior high to consider STEM / aviation and sharing my RTH experience. Next, I have been active in the Baylor Aviation Organization since 2019. I volunteered at Women in Aviation International 'Girls in Aviation Day Dallas' in October 2019. With over 2,800 attendees, I taught lessons on aircraft weight and balance and answered questions about the Baylor Aviation Science program. I am planning to volunteer at GIAD in September 2021. While away at college, I have participated in many RTH zoom meetings and most recently flew RTH students on discovery flights at Arlington Field. These community outreach activities flow from my heart to serve. I am honored to continue the legacy of those before me by paying it forward.

I respect and honor the legacy of Jasper Harris, Jr because he was a pioneer who cleared a path for others to follow. His values resonate with me...working hard to be the best in his field and bringing more underrepresented people into aviation. I try to propel myself through the challenges I face with the determination he exhibited. For example, at the Les Morris Summer Flight Academy in 2018, I channeled my gratitude for the opportunity to actually learn to fly into many late night study sessions and earned a spot as Top-Student! In my past two years at Baylor University, I earned both Instrument and Commercial ratings which were essential in the adventure of ferrying Cessna 172M N13668 from Nashville to Seattle over 2,500 miles. This was an exhilarating challenge and practical application of my skills. I am proud that I was part of the team bringing this airplane to Seattle knowing it will be used to help more RTH students enter the world of aviation. The Jasper Harris Jr. scholarship will enable me to complete my CFI and begin working as a flight instructor.

