



## 2023 Jasper Harris, Jr. Aviation Scholarship



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**Private Pilot Flight Training**

I come from Benin, a French-speaking West African country. Currently in Seattle, Washington, I'm a 27-year-old associate software engineer at Accenture.

While engineering is my primary passion, I'm pursuing my private pilot license at Galvin Flight Training. In software engineering, AI and machine learning's role in autopilot systems captivates me. My dream involves flying the Boeing 777X, anticipated in 2025.

My path to STEM was an unconventional path. I started working as a Lyft driver, connecting with software engineers as passengers, and gaining invaluable resources for my coding ambitions. Financial constraints limited formal education, so I self-taught frontend skills,

leading to a role as test engineer at AT&T. Today, I'm an associate application developer at Accenture, cherishing my unique journey.

Being part of the Black Pilots of America, Inc. and the Red-Tailed Hawks aviation community has ignited a determination to pursue my private pilot's license and receiving the Jasper Harris, Jr. Aviation Scholarship will help make that possible. This scholarship recognizes my potential and commitment to aviation. It's the catalyst to dedicate myself to flying, and will honor it with sincerity. As a recipient, I will excel, keeping Jasper Harris, Jr.'s legacy in mind.

In the cockpit and beyond, I'll demonstrate dedication. Engaging in aviation community initiatives, I'll share my passion and my story to inspire others.