



## 2023 Jasper Harris, Jr. Aviation Scholarship



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I am blessed by the encouragement and support of the Red-Tailed Hawks (RTH) since joining in 2015. While in highschool, I participated in monthly meetings as a student member. In July 2018, RTH sent me to Houston for the Les Morris Summer Flight Academy where I logged my first ten hours of flight time and was honored as top student. This encouraged me to dream of a career as a professional pilot. I continued to flight train and earned my Private Pilot's License after graduating highschool, and Instrument, Commercial, CFI and CFII, while completing my college education at Baylor University, where I graduated with a major in Aviation Science.

I respect and honor the legacy of Jasper Harris, Jr. because he was a pioneer who cleared a path for others to follow. His story inspires me

and I want to follow in his footsteps and be a part of bringing more underrepresented people into aviation. I am honored to be a recipient of the Jasper Harris Jr. scholarship which would enable me to complete my multi-engine rating and be one step closer to achieving my goal of becoming an airline pilot. When I reflect on my aviation path I am always grateful for the impact RTH has had on me from the time I started to the point I am at today.

I have found several ways to serve my community and exemplify the RTH mission while at school in Texas. I volunteered at numerous Women in Aviation International 'Girls in Aviation Day' events. With thousands of attendees at each event, I taught lessons on aircraft weight and balance, the sectional chart, and answered questions about the Baylor Aviation Science program. While I was away at college, I participated in RTH zoom meetings and was able to fly RTH students on discovery flights at Arlington Field. I also spoke with students at CKSD in aviation classrooms while home for Christmas. A favorite memory with the RTH was the adventure of ferrying Cessna 172M N13668 from Nashville to Seattle. This was an exhilarating challenge and practical application of my skills. I am proud and honored to have been one of the pilots who ferried this airplane to Seattle knowing it will be used to help more RTH students enter the world of aviation. These community outreach activities are my way of paying it forward and I look forward to doing more.