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Attn: Meg Taft, Executive Director
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Dear ADMA Scholarship Committee,

I am writing to send my sincere thanks for selecting me to receive one of the 2010 ADMA Scholarships. I feel honored to have been selected, and I appreciate your support.

I am fortunate to have the opportunity to explore both engineering and flight disciplines as a Mechanical Engineering major with Flight and Aeronautical Studies minors at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona. This combination of degrees will offer many career possibilities and a chance to make a difference in the world of aviation.

I will be using the scholarship funds to help pay for tuition and flight-related expenses. I am currently finishing my fixed-wing CFI rating, as well as a Commercial Rotorcraft add-on rating. The following semester, I plan to complete my CFII.

In order to contribute to my career goals, I work every summer to earn enough money to pay for most of my daily living expenses throughout the school year. For the past two summers, I have worked full-time for Arcturus-UAV, where I created the complete CAD drawings for their newest and largest UAV, the T-20. I was also fortunate to be able to spend a great deal of time working on the UAVs in the shop and to participate in flight testing of the T-20 at Edwards Air Force Base. The previous summer, I worked for Quality Sport Planes where I built Zenith light sport aircraft.

Upon graduation, I hope to combine the disciplines of engineering and flight, and perhaps eventually start my own aviation-related business. I appreciate the encouragement that educators and mentors have provided, and hope to be able to give back to the field. Thank you very much for this honor. Your assistance and support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Kevin Rankin