

August 2, 2018

Aviation Distributors & Manufacturers Association (ADMA)
Attn: Scholarship Committee
100 North 20th Street, Suite 400
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I want to personally thank you for awarding me the 2018 ADMA Scholarship. I was very excited and honored when I received the email confirming the award. The funds will be used at Western Michigan University where I am currently double majoring in Aviation Flight Science and Aviation Maintenance Technology. So far I have earned my commercial multi/single engine certificate with an instrument rating, a certified flight instructor certificate and my airframe and powerplant certificate.

I knew I wanted to fly since I was seven years old. I was introduced to the wide range of opportunities in the field of aviation while watching a satellite launch at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Watching the rocket as it was propelled up through the air was amazing. On the airplane ride home, I decided that I wanted to be a pilot someday.

Though I have worked various jobs while in school to help finance my dream, this is an expensive field and most students rely on funding from generous donors such as the ADMA.

I cherish the special bond that unites those involved in aviation. My first flight instructor had a passion for flying and his enthusiasm was contagious. I do not come from an aviation-affiliated family, but I have had great experiences getting to know fellow aviators, mechanics, teachers and mentors. As a flight instructor at WMU, I hope I can make a difference in someone's aviation experience just as others have done for me.

Thanks again for your support and for helping students reach for their dream. I am very grateful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lauren A. Quandt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lauren A. Quandt