

**Paul A. Whelan Aviation Scholarship**  
**University Aviation Association**

**Note: Minimum \$2000 Award---Applications Due June 30, 2020**

**Background**

In the memory of an exemplary aviation educator, the Paul A. Whelan Scholarship was initiated by his family under the auspices of the University Aviation Association (UAA). The Paul A. Whelan Scholarship Fund supports men and women pursuing a future in aviation and/or space-related fields. The scholarship will provide opportunities to emerging aviation professionals to achieve their academic goals and contribute their talents to the aviation industry.

Dr. Whelan exemplified leadership in aviation throughout his life. He served 25 years as an Air Force aviator and retired as a colonel after a career that included combat service in Korea and Vietnam for which he received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star and the Air Medal. In addition to flying, he was a professor of history at the U. S. Air Force Academy, chair of the Air Force Institute of Technology history department and on staff at the Air War College.

In his own academic career, Dr. Whelan earned his bachelor's degree from Holy Cross College, his Master's from the University of Tennessee, and his doctorate in history from St. Louis University. Upon his Air Force retirement, Dr. Whelan's commitment to give back to the academic community led him to positions as dean of Spring Hill College, president of Lewis University, Vice President of Parks College of St. Louis University, and dean of national transportation at Dowling College. During his academic tenure, he served on the Federal Aviation Administration's Airway Science Curriculum Committee and as first chair of the Council on Aviation Accreditation.

Dr. Whelan's lifelong involvement in aviation education earned him recognition from his peers including the National Aeronautic Association Brewer Trophy, the Gold Circle Award and the UAA Wheatley Award. In addition, Dr. Whelan was extensively involved in his giving service to his community and to his church. To continue this legacy, Dr. Whelan's wife Pat, 12 children and their spouses and 38 grandchildren commissioned this scholarship.

**Scholarship Criteria**

**REQUIRED**

1. U. S. Citizen
2. Sophomore, Junior, Senior or Graduate Student
3. Must be enrolled at a University Aviation Association member institution in an aviation or space-related major. Community College, college and university applicants encouraged.
4. 2.5 overall GPA and 3.0 GPA in Aviation Major coursework
5. Demonstrates a love of aviation.

6. Demonstrates leadership.
7. Demonstrates extracurricular involvement/community involvement

## **PREFERRED**

1. FAA certification as a pilot or mechanic.
2. Former military service or current military service via active duty, the ROTC, the Air National Guard or Reserves while in school.
3. Membership in an aviation-related association or professional group such as the UAA.

## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Apply not later than **June 30, 2020** to:

Paul A. Whelan Aviation Scholarship  
University Aviation Association  
2787 North 2nd Street  
Memphis, TN 38127

Winners will be announced at the UAA's annual Fall Conference to be held in St. Petersburg, FL on September 30 - October 2, 2020. At least one \$2000 scholarship will be awarded.

Submission requirements

1. Completed application form.
2. Official transcript from the UAA member institution (s) attended by the applicant.
3. Recommendation letter from a faculty member from a UAA member institution addressing how the applicant meets one or more of the criteria for this scholarship.

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APPLICATION FORM**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of UAA Member Institution:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Aviation Major:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year in School:** SO \_\_ JR \_\_ SR \_\_ Graduate School \_\_\_\_\_

**Overall GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Major GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**US Citizen?** Yes \_\_ No \_\_

**List prior aviation and/or military work experience, including any leadership roles:**

**List aviation organization memberships, including any leadership roles:**

**List community and/or extracurricular involvement, including any leadership roles:**

**List aviation certifications and flight hours, as applicable:**

**List other items as applicable to this application:**

**(Reminder: Due Date is Sunday, June 30, 2020)**  
**I certify that this application is true and correct:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT**

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**DATE**