

# 2020 CABAA / Maintenance Committee Financial Scholarship

- One \$8000 Scholarship Available.



CHICAGO AREA BUSINESS AVIATION ASSOCIATION

To Foster the Interests of Business Aviation in the Chicagoland Area

## What is CABAA?

Formed in 1998, CABAA, is a grassroots organization for business aircraft operators and their vendors to freely exchange information and expertise pertaining to all aspects of business aviation. We realize that business aircraft do not leave the ground without the help and support of a great many talented and dedicated individuals. CABAA is a broad consortium of people who engage in various aspects involved in the safe and efficient operation of corporate aircraft.

[www.cabaa.com](http://www.cabaa.com)

## Award Details:

One scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$8000 to a student seeking a degree in Aviation Maintenance. This scholarship is open to both high school seniors graduating in 2020 and college level students. Scholarship funds will be paid to the student and college or university of which the recipient is enrolled. The scholarship funds are to be used to pay tuition or fees for aviation specific programs.

CABAA and the CABAA Maintenance Committee offer this award to promote professional development for a career in business aviation maintenance. The winner will be notified by phone and presented the award at the annual CABAA Golf Classic held in August 2020. The recipient's presence is required at the time of the award presentation. For more information about CABAA, including membership, please visit [WWW.CABAA.COM](http://WWW.CABAA.COM). Current students are encouraged to apply for a free student membership: [www.cabaa.com/join-cabaa](http://www.cabaa.com/join-cabaa).

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must complete and include the Scholarship Application Cover Page with the application.
- Applicant must be majoring in an aviation maintenance related field, including, but not limited to: Aerospace Engineering, Aircraft Maintenance, Aviation Avionics/Aircraft Electronics, etc.
- Applicant will demonstrate his/her commitment to aviation, and a desire to work in the Business Aviation field.
- Must have at least a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- An unofficial copy of their college transcript must be included with the application, an original shall be made available upon request.
- Essay Requirements: Applicant must submit a typed essay, double-spaced, maximum of 1,000 words on the following. "Why does a career in Business Aviation appeal to you? How can Business Aviation be used as an effective tool in the modern day?" This essay should be constructed in a manner that allows the applicant to provide as much information as possible about themselves and their goals.
- Applicant must include at least three letters of recommendation. (Other than relatives or students)
- At least one recommendation letter from an individual currently involved in business aviation outside of your professors is preferred.
- Preference is given to Chicagoland/Illinois area residents and students, followed by residents and students of surrounding states.

## Completed applications are to be submitted to:

Alex Kwiatkowski  
2164 Tower Rd  
Unit #3  
West Chicago, IL 60185

OR Emailed to:  
[cabaascholarships@gmail.com](mailto:cabaascholarships@gmail.com)

**By May 15th, 2020: No Exceptions**

**Winners are notified summer 2020 and are required to attend award presentations held August 2020.**

## Questions Can Be Directed to:

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# Why Should you Apply? Here is what previous winners are saying

## **Brian Zankowski—2013**

I received the CABAA/FlightSafety Professional Training Award in 2013. At the time I was going to school for my Masters in Finance from Lewis University and flying as a co pilot on King Air 350's for Blatti Aviation. CABAA and FlightSafety, citing my hard work and willingness to pay it forward, graciously allowed me to use the award to upgrade to a Captain position on the King Air 350. As a proud CABAA member, I was able to gain valuable experience as a part 135 King Air Captain. I am currently a Captain on the King Air 350 for Abbott Laboratories and volunteering on the CABAA Scholarship Committee. The support of CABAA, FlightSafety, Blatti Aviation, and many mentors along the way have proved invaluable for myself as a young person when I began my career. My advice is to do what it takes to turn your goals into reality, never be afraid to ask a question, always help the person next in line, and take as many opportunities to network as you can.

## **Mike Ban—2015**

I am an aircraft technician at the Milwaukee Cessna Citation Service Center. I am a graduate of Lewis University with a degree in Aviation Maintenance Management. I have won 3 CABAA scholarships: two financial awards and the Maintenance Training Award. Throughout college CABAA has been a very important resource to my success in corporate aviation. I've been to numerous CABAA events and have met many professionals in corporate aviation. Due to being a recipient of the Maintenance Training Award through FlightSafety, I worked with CABAA to have the school be in the citation Sovereign (our second largest aircraft in the citation fleet). After attending this incredible school and since starting at Textron Aviation a year ago, my understanding of the aircraft has been expanded. I have learned so much at the school and Textron, which may not have been possible without CABAA's scholarship. I would recommend anybody wanting to get into corporate aviation to either join CABAA or at least go to events to meet with people from the Chicago area. Another piece of advice is to get as much experience possible through volunteering, job shadowing, and summer internships. Everything counts. All in all CABAA is a great organization that helps young people every year get into corporate aviation and achieve their goals.

## **Scott Moran--2005**

In 2005, I was welcomed into the CABAA community while becoming the inaugural scholarship recipient. I was honored to have received the much-needed financial support. Support that has since been overshadowed by the relationships, mentoring and wisdom I have received over the last 12 years of being a CABAA member. Corporate aviation is a hidden destination that isn't found on the road map of high school or college counselors. The physical brick and mortar of many flight departments themselves, while well appointed are non-descript, secured facilities. To learn and become exposed to the industry, you almost need to seek an invitation. CABAA is that invitation that allows aspiring students to pursue their passion in corporate aviation. My connections with CABAA have helped me to succeed at Jen Air over the last 10 years in my role as a Pilot and Assistant Director of Operations.