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### Airservices supports young women's flying dreams

The dream of a career in aviation is closer for four young women thanks to financial support from Airservices Australia, the national air traffic control service provider.

The four pilots have won flight training scholarships offered in conjunction with the Australian Women Pilots' Association (AWPA). The winners were announced at the AWPA Annual General Meeting in Darwin on Saturday, 7 May.

Each winner receives \$6,000 to subsidise the cost of obtaining a private or commercial pilot's licence. An additional \$2,000 is awarded to the young women as bonus payments on achieving milestones.

The four were chosen from a large field of applicants who had a demonstrated interest in flying and were supported by their flying instructors. Applicants must be a member of AWPA, at least 18 years of age and have commenced flight training.

Airservices spokesman Rob Walker said the scholarships were designed to support the sustainability of the general aviation community.

"We are very pleased to support AWPA and its goals for women pilots in the future of Australia aviation. It's important we continue to promote entry paths into the industry. Airservices congratulates all the winners, and encourages them to pursue their commercial pilot's license," Mr Walker said.

Recipients of the 2011 AWPA and Airservices Flight Training Scholarships are:

- Donna Dascoli, 22, **Endeavour Hills, VIC**. Flight training at the Royal Victorian Aero Club where she is an aircraft engineer Moorabbin, VIC.
- Christine Lindorff, 21, **Ringwood East, VIC**. Flight training at Moorabbin Flying Services, Moorabbin.
- Ella Krohn, 22, **Hawthorn, VIC**. Flight training at Oxford Aviation Academy, Moorabbin.
- Tameka Dalwood, 23, **Leeming, WA**. Flight training at Advanced Cockpit Flight Training (ACFT), Jandakot.

Airservices also sponsors two Private Pilots' License (PPL) Charts and Documents Awards (\$550 including GST) of the geographically relevant charts and documents required by a student pilot for the navigation phase of their PPL training. The winners are: Sarah Jones, **Gelorup, WA** and Shannon Worcester, **Melton West, VIC**.

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