

2023 Ken Johnson Memorial Scholarship

- One \$8000 Scholarship Available.

Who Is Ken Johnson?

(October 1958 – March 2013)



Ken Johnson was a husband, father, son, brother, air traffic controller, adjunct professor, car and motorcycle enthusiast and a proud member of CABAA. Ken started his aviation career working at Chicago Center as an air traffic controller. He loved aviation and loved protecting lives everyday with his expert training. Throughout his career, Ken gave back to the aviation community by teaching ATC at Lewis University and mentoring youth through CABAA. His love of aviation passed down to his daughter, who is an A&P mechanic, and also gives back to youth by promoting aviation maintenance as a viable career for young women. Ken's legacy is not only his 5 children, but the many students who passed through his classes who are now professional Air Traffic Controllers, guarding the skies. On behalf of the Johnson family we encourage you to apply for his memorial scholarship and, in his honor, always remember to give back to your aviation community. Good luck! May the skies be calm and the birds in line.



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. CABAA is a broad consortium of people who engage in various aspects involved in the safe and efficient operation of corporate aircraft.

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Award Details:

One scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$8000 to a 2023 graduating high school student seeking a degree in aviation. Scholarship funds will be paid to the student and college or university of which the recipient is enrolled and are to be used to pay tuition or fees for aviation specific programs.

CABAA offers this award to promote professional development for a career in business aviation. The winner will be notified by phone and presented the award at the annual CABAA Golf Classic held in August 2023. Recipient presence is required at the time of award presentation. For more information about CABAA, including membership visit www.CABAA.com. Current students are encouraged to apply for a free student membership: <https://cabaa.com/member-application>

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must be majoring in an aviation related field and have accepted or will accept enrollment at a four year university or a two year college.
- Applicant will demonstrate his/her commitment to aviation, and a desire to work in the aviation field.
- Must have at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0.
- An unofficial copy of their high school 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. "What is your outlook on an aviation career? How would this scholarship help you get your start in a career in business aviation? How will this scholarship help you achieve your goals?" 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.

Completed applications are to be submitted electronically at:

<https://cabaa.com/scholarship-application>

DUE MAY 27th, 2023 NO EXCEPTIONS

Winners will be notified Summer 2023 and are asked to attend award presentations in August.

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.