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WILLA BROWN AVIATION ACADEMY ANNOUNCES \$2,500 PAUL ALAN TEMPLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Willa Brown Aviation Academy (WBAA) announces the establishment of the **Paul Alan Temple Scholarship Fund**, the first scholarship offered by the organization since its founding in 2021.

The \$2,500 scholarship fund honors the life and lifelong passion for aviation of Paul Alan Temple, whose early support — alongside his wife, Molly Temple — provided critical legal guidance during WBAA's formative years and helped lay the foundation for its mission to expand access to aviation education and career pathways.

Temple's interest in aviation began at an early age. At 5 years old, he would sit at his grandmother's front window beneath the flight path of O'Hare International Airport, watching aircraft arrive and depart. He was fascinated by how airplanes worked, how pilots navigated, and the variety of aircraft overhead.

That curiosity followed him through grade school and high school. During family trips, Temple made a point of speaking with pilots during boarding, learning about aircraft systems and instruments. By high school, he was openly discussing plans to become a pilot.

Temple explored colleges with aviation programs and ultimately chose Purdue University, where he gained a clearer understanding of the rigorous path required to become a commercial airline pilot. After careful consideration, he chose a different route, deciding to pursue a career in law with the intention of earning his pilot's license later for recreational flying.

After earning his law degree, marrying and settling in Madison, Temple returned to aviation. He began flight training at Morey Airplane Company at the Middleton Municipal Airport in 2016 and earned his pilot's license in 2018, just months before the birth of his son, Jack.

Balancing a demanding legal career, family life and flight training required discipline and persistence. Temple completed most of his lessons on Saturday mornings, often returning home with bagels and coffee for his pregnant wife.

“Paul’s early love of Aviation is the same spark we hope to inspire in our Aviators at WBAA,” said Fareed Guyot, Co-founder of WBAA and a longtime friend of Temple’s. “It also represents a major milestone for the Willa Brown Aviation Academy as we award our very first scholarship.”

The scholarship may be used to support aviation career development, including flight training, certification fees, educational programs, and other approved expenses related to entering the aviation field. The scholarship is open to all current and past participants in WBAA programming, including Camp Willa, Wings to Fly, and the Madison Youth Aviation Club.

Applicants must complete an online application, submit a 500-word essay describing their interest and goals in aviation, provide a resume, and include two letters of recommendation. The application period opens January 15 and closes March 15, with additional details available on the academy’s website.

For more information, visit WillaFlight.org or contact Scholarships@WillaFlight.org.

About Willa Brown Aviation Academy

Founded in 2021, the Willa Brown Aviation Academy is a nonprofit organization dedicated to education, mentorship and career development in aviation, honoring the legacy of aviation pioneer Willa Brown.

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