



**90,000+**  
Museum Visitors



**677,000**  
AirVenture  
Attendees



**10,000+**  
AirVenture  
Aircraft Arrivals



**25,000+**  
New  
Annual Members



## 'FLY WITH PASSION; FLY BECAUSE IT'S FUN'

**FIRST KYLIE MURRAY MEMORIAL FLIGHT TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT EARNS PRIVATE, ON TRACK TO INSTRUMENT RATING**

The first recipient of the Kylie Murray Memorial Flight Training Scholarship is doing just what Kylie would have wanted – enjoying the freedom of flight.

“I felt so incredibly honored to be the first recipient of the Kylie Murray Memorial Flight Training Scholarship,” scholarship recipient Cameron Rucinski said. “It’s a special combination of pride and gratitude, as well as a sense of responsibility to make the most of the incredible opportunity to share Kylie’s story and represent her as the first recipient.”

Kylie was the youngest flight instructor at 21 years old at Kylie’s Cub Air Flight in Hartford, Wisconsin. She died after an aircraft accident in July of 2021, and her parents, Geoff and Lisa, established the scholarship to keep her memory soaring.

Cameron was the first recipient of the annual scholarship. She’s an Oshkosh West High School senior, committed to Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona, Florida. She plans to major in aeronautical science and become an airline pilot for a major airline right beside her identical twin sister, Madison.

The James Ray Scholarship provided Cameron with the support to earn her private pilot rating, and the Kylie Murray Memorial Flight Training Scholarship will support her through her instrument rating.

She completed her check ride for her private pilot certificate in November 2023.

“It was both an exhilarating and rewarding experience,” Cameron said. “It’s a huge milestone in my flight training journey that showcases the dedication and hard work I put into earning my private pilot’s certificate. It’s given me a great sense of accomplishment and a confidence boost in my ability to pilot an aircraft.”

Cameron is now getting checked out in the Piper Warrior, which is the airplane she will fly for her instrument rating during the summer in Hartford.



“My instrument training has been going good,” Cameron said. “I’ll be finishing my instrument training at Embry Riddle so that I could qualify for a R-ATP.”

Every year, Cameron attends AirVenture. She’s an active member of EAA Chapter 572 in Fond du Lac and EAA Chapter 252 in Oshkosh. For Chapter 572, she manages the social media pages.

While aviation doesn’t run in Cameron’s family, her parents signed her and her sister up for Young Eagles flights at 10 years old.

“It was because of EAA’s Young Eagles program and living in Oshkosh my whole life where I’d see the planes fly over my house during EAA AirVenture that made me want to start flying,” Cameron said.

Cameron said she is grateful for the scholarship and her second family at Kylie’s Cub Air, especially CFI Steve Krog who took the time to tell her all about Kylie and the impact she left there.

“This scholarship has given me numerous opportunities to represent the amazing person Kylie was because I know there will never be another Kylie,” Cameron said. “Cub Air isn’t just a flight school, but a family, and I immediately felt belonged. It truly is a second home to me.”

