

2013 EAA Chapter 106 Youth Scholarship Application

APPLICATION # 3
Date of application: 1/30/13

NAME Liam Dermady **Note: Liam was our 2012 runner-up**
AGE 17
GRADE 12

E1 - How and when did you become interested in aviation? (WORD LIMIT: 75)

I've been interested in aircraft from an age where my memory is fuzzy, but I became fascinated the day I had the opportunity to fly for the first time at the age of 9 when my 4th grade class made to Florida. When I returned home I immediately opened a book and looked up the A320 I flew on. My fate was sealed when I held the controls on my first young eagles flight at 6B6. (76)

E2 - What aviation experiences, education, or training do you have to date? (50)

I've been to several young eagles rallies, and I attended ACE camp at the Middlesex College. I've studied the Sporty's training course, and am currently preparing to take my written. I've been training to get my PPL and I'm about to complete my final solo XC at East Coast Aero. (50)

E3 - Your future aviation experiences and/or aviation career goals? Be realistic (100)

My ultimate career goal has always been to be an airline pilot, but more recently I have widened this aspiration to any sort of commercial pilot career, possibly as a corporate pilot, or in flight instruction. I feel my passion for flight will guide me through the challenges and inconveniences of this career path, and even if I don't end up flying 777s for American Airlines I know I'll find some way to earn money in the sky. I've been accepted to Purdue and ERAU with an \$11,500/yr scholarship, and I am currently looking into seeking a flight technology major. (100)

E4 - Your top academic achievements, awards and extracurricular activities? (75)

CSW doesn't facilitate academic awards, but my greatest achievement was taking the most difficult chemistry and physics courses offered simultaneously and achieving A grades in both this fall. Outside class, I co-founded an aviation club at my school, I've been on the FTC robotics team for 2 years. Since June, I've worked an average of 15 hours a week as the Operations Office attendant at Minuteman airfield. I also take freelance drawing and painting commissions. (75)

E5 - WHY do you want to attend the EAA Advanced Air Academy?

WHY should we select YOU for this scholarship? (WORD LIMIT: 200)

I've found that one of the most enjoyable things about having a passion is sharing it and inspiring others. I can't wait to meet others my age that are equally as passionate about aviation as myself and be able to work together. There are always new things to be learned, and as someone who has explored flight in my own unique way I believe I'll be able to bring as much as I will take away. Especially since I have already begun my flight training, I think I would be a good influence on those who are still looking to start or discovering flight. In a similar sense, having worked at Minuteman, I've had the privilege of becoming a part of the local GA business that is just a small slice of the greater national and global community of aviation that is represented at AirVenture. I think it would be wonderful to taste the diversity of aviation culture present there, and also be able to come with some of my own. Lastly, as an aspiring pilot, I know the importance of connections, and within the breadth of the industry's representatives at Oshkosh I hope to make some. (197)

E6 - How did you learn about the EAA Chapter 106 2013 Youth Scholarship? (50)

I applied the previous year after I was searching for other local EAA chapters and aviation related opportunities for youth, and came across your website. (25)