

2013 WINNER: Liam Dermady -- Grade: 12 AGE: 17

Overall view of what impressed us about Liam Dermady:

Liam has demonstrated a passion for aviation:

In no particular sequence ...

- Liam has worked to earn money for his flight lessons and is almost finished earning his private pilot's license
- Liam started an aviation club at his high school to inspire other youth to become interested in aviation
- Liam is an amazing aviation artist (see resume & other pix)
- Excellent Letter of Recommendation provided even more info on Liam's passion for aviation.
- Liam has been accepted to Purdue and ERAU (Embry-Riddle) with a scholarship - he will seek a flight technology major.
- Liam is working 15hrs/weekend at an airport.

Committee keywords included:

Aviation-passionate, Action not words, Motivated, Well-written, Intelligent, Determined, Aviation artist, Started aviation club, Excellent grades, Young Eagle, Continuing education in aviation, Accomplished, Initiative, Bright; Aviation future; Leadership; Student pilot (has soloed)

Committee comments included:

--- So passionate about aviation that Liam started an aviation club at school, attended ACE camp, worked to earn money to pay for his own flight lessons (about to take last x-country towards private pilot license), and now works 15 hrs/wk at Minuteman Airport; excellent grades, Young Eagle. Liam was our runner-up last year and I think he's our TOP applicant this year! Liam's actions are exactly what we mean by "demonstrated" passion for aviation!

--- My view on this candidate is that he is exactly what we are looking to reward and promote with our scholarship.

--- I think Liam is a fantastic candidate for the scholarship. I thought the same last year when he applied, and I think this year he's demonstrated his strengths again. His essays were well-written and informative. His drawings and fantastic letter of recommendation demonstrate that he's truly passionate about aviation. I think Liam would be a great winner for the 2013 EAA 106 scholarship.

--- OK, maybe I'm biased, but I had a tough time not choosing him for the award last year and I really think it's his turn. The quality of his work is just another level above everyone else; the maturity of his responses based on the specificity of his statements is readily apparent. And he'll have an ASEL ticket pretty soon if he doesn't have it by the time I'm typing this. And as I pointed out last year, he is someone who will get OTHER people interested in aviation. I'll be fairly disappointed if he doesn't get the award.

--- This is an example of what we are hoping to facilitate with our scholarship program. It is clear that he is really passionate about aviation and is involving himself in direct activities that show action not words on his part.

--- Has participated in EAA Young Eagles, works at an airport, current student pilot. No one else comes close to this aviation commitment.