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Scholarship Winners Announced for Rally's EAA Air Academy Program

HAYWARD, CA, March 15, 2017 -- The Hayward Air Rally, the longest continually-held proficiency flying event in North America, has selected two teenagers to receive fully-paid scholarships including tuition and roundtrip airfare to the Experimental Aircraft Association's (EAA) Advanced Air Academy summer 2017 program.

In partnership with local chapters of the EAA, the Hayward Air Rally is pleased to announce the winners of the scholarships as

Avery Apple of Redding CA, a sophomore at Stellar Charter High School; and
Jordan Luiz of Cottonwood CA, a junior at West Valley High School.

"With the generous support of the City of Hayward, our industry partners and sponsors, and participating Rally pilots and crew, we are pleased to continue our scholarship program this year and offer this opportunity to outstanding youth at any of the three airports to be visited on the Rally", said Chris Verbil of the Hayward Air Rally Committee. "As part of our non-profit mission, it is important to help seed the next generation of aerospace industry professionals, aircraft pilots, and aviation enthusiasts."

The Air Academy is located in Oshkosh, WI and is an in-residence summer camp for students to develop and explore their interest in aviation. The Academy camps provide the foundation for a life-long love of aviation as well as the opportunity to create friendships with fellow aviation enthusiasts.

About the Hayward Air Rally: The annual Air Rally is staged by the Hayward Air Rally, Inc., a not-for-profit California public benefit corporation and charitable organization with IRS 501(c3) status. Originally conceived by the City of Hayward's mayor in 1964, the Air Rally's primary charter is to enhance general aviation safety by encouraging aircraft pilots to stay proficient in basic flight and fuel management techniques. The 53rd annual Air Rally will be conducted June 22-24, 2017, originating at the Hayward Executive Airport and continuing over a challenging and competitive route through Redding, CA with a destination of Reno, NV. For more information about the Air Rally, visit the event web site www.hwdairrally.org

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