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Scholarships to Air Academy in Wisconsin for West Coast students

HAYWARD, CA, March 31, 2011 -- The 47th annual Hayward Air Rally, the longest continually-held proficiency flying event in North America, has selected three California and Oregon teenagers to receive fully-paid scholarships, to include tuition and roundtrip airfare, to the Experimental Aircraft Association's (EAA) Air Academy summer 2011 program.

The winners of the three scholarships are Dylan Murphy, a student at Castro Valley High School in Castro Valley, CA; Kyle Wimmer, of Foothill High School in Palo Cedro, CA, and Paige Westoby, of Mountain View High School in Bend, OR.

The Air Academy is located in Oshkosh, Wisconsin and is an aviation-oriented in-residence summer camp for students to develop and explore their interest in aviation. These camps provide the foundation for a lifelong 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 a charitable organization with IRS 501(c3) status. Originally conceived by the City of Hayward's Mayor in 1964, the Hayward 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 annual Air Rally will next be conducted on June 9-10, 2011, originating at the Hayward Executive Airport and continuing over a challenging and competitive route to Redding, CA with an ultimate destination this year of Bend, OR.

About the Experimental Aircraft Association: The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) was founded in 1953 in Milwaukee, WI as a local club for those who built and restored their own aircraft. It quickly grew to include anyone who enjoys flying for recreation and welcomes all aviation enthusiasts to participate. EAA's mission is dedicated to providing aviation access to all who wish to participate. EAA is committed to preserving aviation history and heritage, and helping to prepare future generations of aviators. Today, EAA is a non-profit 501(c3) that includes 160,000 members in more than 100 countries. EAA has chartered approximately 1,000 local chapters worldwide, which promote local aviation activities in their communities and regions. The EAA's Vintage Aircraft Chapter 29 in Hayward; Chapter 157 in Redding; Chapter 617 in Prineville OR; and Chapter 1148 in Corning CA contributed Young Eagles flight credits to assist in funding these scholarships.

For more information about the Air Rally, visit the event web site <http://www.hwdairrally.org>

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