



The AMA History Project Presents: Biography of PATRICK BAYER



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The following was published in the February 2008 issue of Model Aviation magazine. Patrick was a 2007 AMA Scholarship winner.

Patrick Bayer of Cincinnati, Ohio, is the recipient of a \$4,000 Charles Hampson Grant Scholarship. He attended Summit Country Day School where he graduated with honors and a GPA of 3.875 out of a possible 4.2.

Patrick was active in high school and took advantage of the number of activities open to students. He ran cross-country and track, earning varsity letters in each. Each sport also presented him with the Most Valuable Runner award. Patrick played basketball for three years, earning a varsity letter and the Hustle Award.

Apart from his involvement in sports, he spent time tutoring underclassmen through the National Honor Society.

In addition to his extracurricular activities, Patrick made time for employment and community service. Through a program called Stepping Stones, he worked with mentally handicapped children and adults. Patrick used his sport expertise to teach underprivileged kids the basics of golf through the Tony Yates Golf Program. When not at Stepping Stones or teaching golf, he volunteered his time at a local nursing home and helped empty recycling bins around his school.

Patrick's scholarship application reflects an enjoyment for being outdoors. The majority of his after-school and community service activities were outside, as was most of his after-school employment. He did landscaping and upkeep on three rental properties and also worked as a lifeguard, taught swim lessons, and helped at a YMCA summer camp.

In correlation with his outdoor activity is Patrick's love of modeling and flight. "Modeling has almost always been a significant part of my life," Patrick wrote. He joined AMA at the age of seven, with his father, Larry. His first model was a *Sturdy Birdy*.

At age 12, Patrick bought a foam cutter and started making kits for a popular Combat model, the *Gremlin*. He sold the kits to club members. When the *Gremlin* fad wore out, Patrick began designing and building unique models for himself. As a member of the Greater Cincinnati Radio Control Club, Patrick participated in the club's Flying Circus and Kid's Fly Charity Event.

Patrick will be attending Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. He plans to major in business and sports management. "Modeling is a large part of my life and has taught me many things," Patrick wrote, "especially the truth that 'with hard work anything is possible.'"

Congratulations, Patrick and good luck in all you do.

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