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## Biography of BRETT A. HOFFSTADT

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Brett A. Hoffstadt, a sophomore studying aerospace engineering at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, was awarded \$2,000. The Rocky River, Ohio, native is enrolled in a cooperative education program that allows him to gain college credit and valuable experience by working alternate semesters at McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis, Missouri on the *F-15 Eagle* project.

Brett attributes his decision to pursue an aerospace engineering career to his experience as a Radio Control flier. He began building and flying model aircraft with his father while in junior high school, concentrating on Radio Control sport flying but also experimenting with Control Line and Free Flight Rubber. Until leaving for college, Brett was a member of the Lorain County Radio Control Club and a frequent contributor to its newsletter.

Brett graduated from Rocky River High School with an impressive 4.1 GPA, weighted because of his enrollment in honors courses. He finished in the top four percent of his class and was named to the National Honor Society. Brett was also co-president of the local Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) chapter, treasurer of the yearbook staff, representative in the student government, two-year letterman on the varsity tennis team, and member of the marching and pep bands. He continues to play the tuba in the Purdue All-American Marching Band.

Brett has missed Radio Control Flying so much at Purdue that he plans to take along a three-channel model when he returns to classes next semester.