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Academy of Model Aeronautics awards \$59,000 in scholarships

Thirteen students from across the country awarded a record amount of AMA scholarships in 2018.

MUNCIE, IN— The Academy of Model Aeronautics has helped graduating seniors achieve their dreams since 1970 with individual scholarships ranging from \$500-\$8,000 each year. This year, a record amount of \$59,000 total was awarded to students. This increase was made possible through the incredible support of AMA members and AMA Foundation patrons across the country. AMA has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships since founding the scholarship program.

The AMA is happy to announce that 13 high school graduates from across the nation will benefit from the AMA scholarship fund. The scholarship money is generated through donations by model aviation organizations, individuals, and AMA members, and a portion of AMA member dues.

Award designations are set by the AMA Scholarship Committee, which is made up of model aviation pilots and enthusiasts. The committee evaluates each application and ranks it based on GPA, community involvement, model flying experience, and model flying competition participation.

AMA and the AMA Foundation want to thank each family that has contributed to the memorial scholarships, as well as the hundreds of other donors to the scholarship program. Without their generous contributions, these gifts would not be possible.

AMA would like to congratulate the following students who have been selected this year to receive the Charles Hampson Grant Scholarship and others:

1. **Zachary Smith:** \$7,000 Charles Hampson Grant Scholarship; \$1,000 Weak Signals Club Scholarship
2. **Dominic Adamo:** \$6,500 Charles Hampson Grant Scholarship; \$500 Weak Signals Club Scholarship
3. **Oliver Sand:** \$6,000 Charles Hampson Grant Scholarship; \$500 Weak Signals Club Scholarship
4. **Joshua McCreary:** \$5,500 Charles Hampson Grant Scholarship
5. **Aaron Williams:** \$5,000 Charles Hampson Grant Scholarship
6. **Alex Stalick:** \$4,500 Charles Hampson Grant Scholarship
7. **Zach Cozzolino:** \$4,000 Charles Hampson Grant Scholarship
8. **Alexander Roy:** \$3,500 Charles Hampson Grant Scholarship
9. **Samantha Hines:** \$3,000, Charles Hampson Grant Scholarship
10. **Joseph Szczur:** \$3,000, Charles Hampson Grant Scholarship
11. **Charles Gertner:** \$2,000 Charles Hampson Grant Scholarship; \$1,000 Ryan Sherrow Memorial Scholarship
12. **Alexandra Nadein:** \$5,000 Clifford and Nancy Telford Scholarship
13. **Michael Belanger:** \$1,000 Basil and Dorothy Cooper Memorial Scholarship