

Scholarship awarded to Aaron Crawford at COPA 177 / Sexsmith Christmas Party

The 2019 “Fly the Dream” pilot licence scholarship program, worth \$2400, was presented to Aaron Crawford from Heidelberg ON. Presenting the award at the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association (COPA) 177 Exeter Christmas gathering are the scholarship committee from COPA Flight 177 and the Jeremy Mason Memorial Fund. (L-R): Chris Redfearn, Kathy Martin (Mason), Doug Richards, Aaron Crawford, recipient, Darren Mason, Mike Ash and Tom Hartai.

The 2019 “Fly the Dream” pilot licence scholarship program, sponsored by COPA Flight 177 Exeter and the Jeremy Mason Memorial Fund, in memory of Jeremy’s love of flying, was awarded to 20 year-old Aaron Crawford, from Heidelberg Ontario. The \$2400 bursary provides assistance to a worthy young person to help with the cost of earning a Recreational or Private Pilot Licence. Aaron is apprenticing to become an electrician at Conestoga College. He currently

holds his Ultra-light permit and is planning to get his instructors rating. Aaron has over 30 hours dual towards his Private Pilot Licence (PPL) and plans to finish training by spring at Stratford Air Services Ltd located at CYSA.

This is the fifth year that the Scholarship has been awarded. Training for a Transport Canada pilot licence can begin at the age of 14, with the potential to be fully licenced as a recreational pilot by age 16. Canadian Owners and Pilots Association (COPA) 177 Exeter and the Jeremy Mason Memorial Fund, through the “Fly the Dream” Scholarship Committee, is actively looking to financially support local youth who are interested in aviation. Any youth between the ages of 14 to their 21st birthday who have ever dreamed of flying an airplane are strongly encouraged to apply. For more information on the scholarship please visit copaexeter.ca.

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