



## Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame

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### **Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame Announces Scholarship Recipient**

MIDDLETON, WI. August 18, 2004 – The Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame announced today that Torran McCarthy, 29, Milton, WI, a student in the Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic (A & P) program at Blackhawk Technical College (BTC) in Janesville is the 2004 recipient of the \$1000 Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame Carl Guell Memorial Scholarship.

McCarthy is a veteran of the US Navy who once worked as an aviation electrician. He joined the Navy in 1998. Though he enjoyed his work, he realized electronics was just the tip of the aviation iceberg, so he chose the A & P program to broaden his knowledge and understanding of the aviation field. His ultimate goal is to become an aeronautical engineer.

McCarthy is an active participant in the Aviation Club at BTC; he holds the position of vice-president. He also hosts a study group in his home, with an open-door policy for all students in the field. While in the Navy, he spent time in the Honor Guard, providing military burials to United States Veterans.

A hardworking student, McCarthy has a very positive attitude towards learning. Blackhawk Instructor Richard Theis said of McCarthy, "He is a highly motivated individual who not only completes required projects and assignments but takes on additional challenges as well." Fellow instructor James Stec agreed, saying, "McCarthy is an exceptional student who brings a lot of real world experience into the classroom."

"It's an honor to receive this scholarship; I'm sure there were many qualified applicants," McCarthy said. "It's nice to win. I'm going to school full-time, so every little bit helps."

McCarthy said the scholarship would help fund his two-year program at Blackhawk while enabling him to get into the workforce. After graduating from BTC, he plans to attend classes on a part-time basis to reach his goal of becoming an aeronautical engineer. The scholarship will be awarded to McCarthy at the annual Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame Investiture Ceremony and Banquet on Saturday, November 6, 2004 at the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh. Tickets for the event are still available. Call Michael Goc at 608-339-7191.

The mission statement of the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame is to collect and preserve the history of aviation in Wisconsin, recognize those who made that history, inform others of it, and promote aviation education for future generations. The organization was founded in 1985. To date, over 65 individuals have been inducted into the Hall of Fame.

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