When I was a little girl, I would spend many hours sitting in the grass along side of the runway, doing what every dreamer does, hoping for a future in the sky, and wishing someone felt sympathetic enough for the little starry eyed girl to offer her an airplane or helicopter ride. Today, I still feel like that same little girl, except, I no longer wish for a ride, I wish to be at the helm of the controls.

     Over the previous three years, I have dedicated my life to pursuing that passion that burns inside of me. Though it was long hours and countless checkrides, all while raising a family, I look back on the journey very fondly. As a student of aviation, you must love to learn and grow, and that I have done immensely.

     Most days, you’ll find me at Gratiot Community Airport, KAMN, cheerfully hopping from one plane to the next with students. Though I whole-heartedly enjoy exercising my CFI CFII MEI licenses full time in Alma, I long for a career in Michigan’s business aviation that allows me to utilize my skills at a more advanced level.

     Quickly approaching ATP minimums, I thought it was my time, but the recent turn of events in aviation altered that path slightly. This scholarship will make a way for that starry eyed girl sitting by the runway to continue putting one foot in front of the other, as she chases down her dreams. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for opening the next door in my future.