

**Rebecca Hopkins** does not have to wonder if there are opportunities open for her in aviation maintenance technology. The field is wide open, and employers are always seeking determined, talented people.

It is fitting that Rebecca was recently awarded the “If You Can Dream It, You Can Do It” Scholarship from *Women in Aviation International*. Like many talented aircraft mechanics, Rebecca’s “dream” reads like a checklist:

- ✓ Seek a career of interest
- ✓ Locate a college with that program of study
- ✓ Apply for scholarships
- ✓ Learn each day: study, practice
- ✓ Find a job that supplements my aircraft knowledge and my income
- ✓ Make contact with people in the career

**Paying for school:** Rebecca began applying for scholarships long before she arrived at Colorado Northwestern, and she continues filing applications. Many organizations are supporting her decision to become an aircraft and powerplant mechanic:

- Colorado Flight Safety Foundation Scholarship – awarded May 2005
- Jeppesen Foundation – Tool Scholarship – awarded March 2005
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- Colorado Northwestern – Scholarship Day drawing – March 2005
- Colorado Northwestern – Department Scholarship – awarded March 2005
- Professional Aviation Maintenance Association Scholarship – awarded February 2006
- Women in Aviation International – If You Can Dream It, You Can Do It Scholarship – March 2006
- Association of Women in Aviation Maintenance – Helping Hand Scholarship – March 2006



She has garnered awards for her efforts. Diligence and determination will uncover career opportunities for her—nothing is left to chance. “A deserving, hardworking student with a great attitude, and a passion for aviation” are qualities noted by the *Association of Women in Aviation Maintenance* when they recognized Rebecca Hopkins as the Student of the Year for 2006!