

**FEDERATION AERONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE**

**NOMINATION FORM**

**CIAM AERO MODELING SCHOLARSHIP**

(for applicants from the age of 16 up to the age of 21 in the year of nomination)

From NAC : ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS Date : 11/23/2022  
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Name of Nominee : Skylar Joe Donnelly Date of birth: 08/05/2005  
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**Scholastic Accomplishments and Educational Plans** (please list & continue on a separate sheet if necessary):

School has never been my strong suit, but I've always enjoyed it and with that good grades haven't always come easily to me, but I always worked my utmost and received the advantages, always ending with all As and Bs.

I plan to attend college at Arizona State University with a major in Criminology and Criminal Justice / Forensic Science. I more specifically want to become a Crime Scene Investigator. I ensure this scholarship will help me immensely with the pressures of college. Although I plan on maintaining a job during my years of college, I hope that It will lessen the weight of work so I can focus more on my academics.

My aero modeling experience has helped teach me time management, and determination. It has taught me the balance of academics, work, and an extracurricular activity. It has also given me another sense of community and sociality .

**Aero modeling Achievements up to the age of 21** (for example World or Continental Championships, National Championships, World Cups, Records, Technical Innovations. In the case of competitions, include the name, date, and location of each competition, the class and the position achieved.) (Please list & continue on a separate sheet if necessary.)

I went to the Junior world championships in Pleven, Bulgaria and was titled Female World Champion for F1B. I have also set some records.

**Personal Statement: What role did Aero modeling play in your life and what are your aspirations for the future?** (One page to be written in the Nominee's own hand and attached to this form. If written in a language other than English, then please attach a typed translation as well as the hand-written original.)

NAC Signature :



President or Secretary General of nominating FAI National Air sport Control

(must be submitted to the FAI Office by November 15)

Skylar Donnelly

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## **School**

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Mrs. Simon was my History teacher for both my 7th and 8th grade years as well. As I stated above with school not necessarily being my thing, I was so insecure in the work I handed in and was never the kid that raised a hand to answer questions. History was for sure my best subject in middle school and I was very knowledgeable on the subject. So I always got good grades but also in saying that anything less than an A was never good enough. Mrs. Simon would try so hard to make me feel comfortable and confident around her. She was always very encouraging and when there were times I struggled, especially with tests which i was terrible at, she would offer me to come earlier in the mornings, during lunch, and after school to help. She would also encourage me to raise my hand and answer questions or if she knew I knew the answer she would call on me even if i didn't have my hand raised. She always had the most excitement for me when I would do good on anything and that made me feel really good.

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## **Sports**

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## **Future**

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October 6, 2021

Skylar Donnelly  
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Dear Mr. Donnelly,

On behalf of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Congratulations on setting a new AMA National Record for Outdoor Free Flight.

Your accomplishment sets an example of determination and skill that serves to encourage up-and-coming model aviation competitors and hobbyists. Please accept this certificate and decal sheet as acknowledgement of your endeavor.

Sincerely,

**Rich Hanson, President**  
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DATE **December 5, 2020**      PLACE **Eloy, AZ**

DETAILS **13 Minutes 35 Seconds**

OFFICIALLY RECORDED THIS **6th** DAY OF **January, 2021**



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DATE **July 28, 2021**      PLACE **Muncie, IN**

DETAILS **27 Minutes 58 Seconds**

OFFICIALLY RECORDED THIS **6th** DAY OF **October, 2021**



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# National Free Flight Society

2020 National Cup Competition

## Junior Category

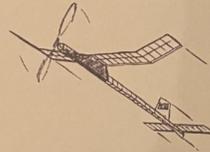
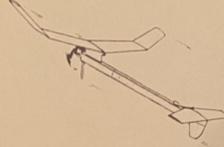
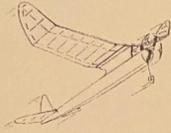
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NATIONAL FREE FLIGHT SOCIETY

Awarded July 27, 2021  
Muncie, Indiana



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