

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) is working with high schools nationwide to help create the next generation of aviators and aviation professionals.

More About You Can Fly, Powered by AOPA

The AOPA High School Aviation Initiative is part of AOPA's You Can Fly program, which was created to bring more people into aviation. By educating high school students about aviation career opportunities, helping lapsed pilots return to flying, reducing the cost of flying, and building the aviation community, You Can Fly is helping people of all ages get involved with aviation.

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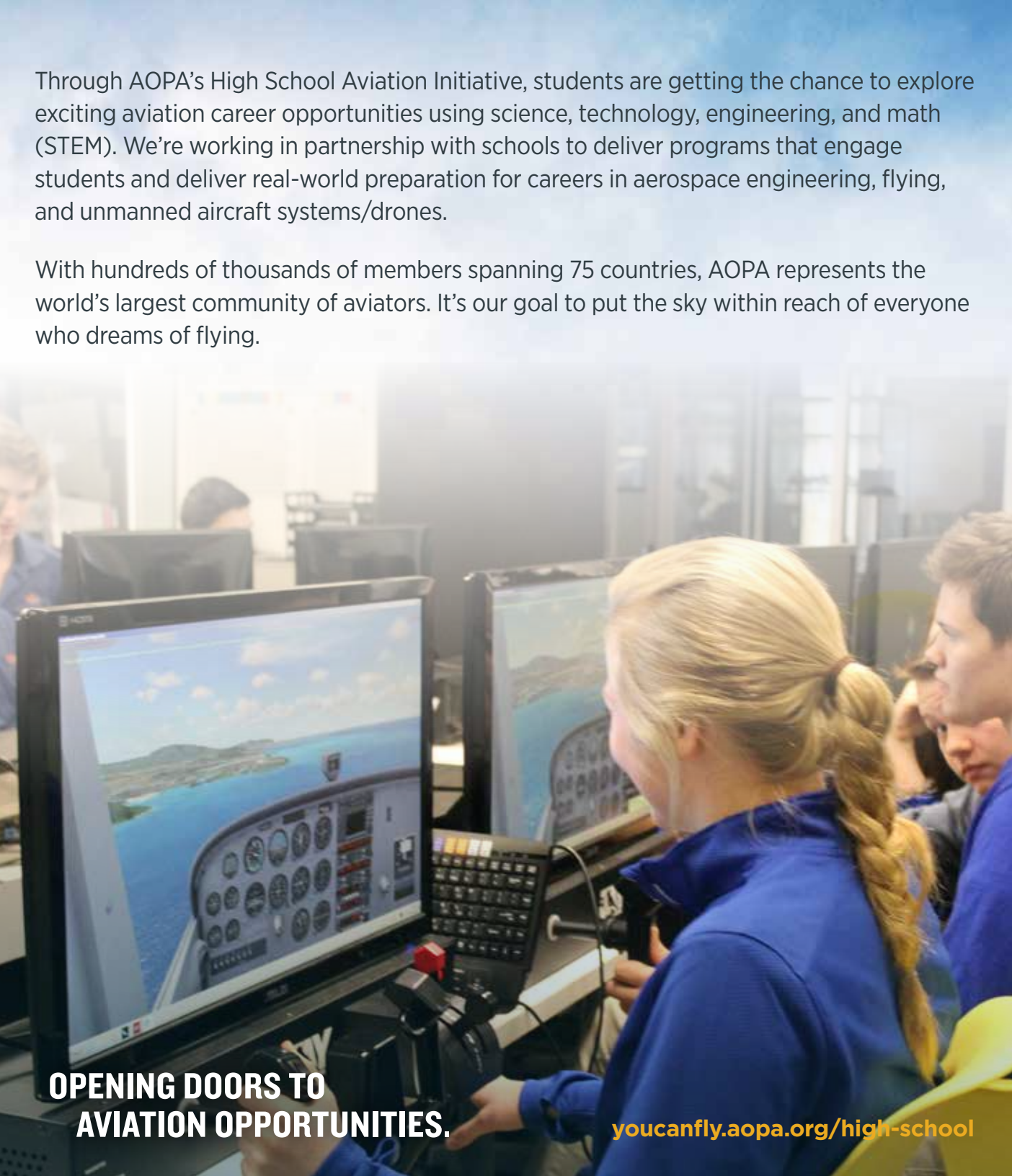


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Through AOPA's High School Aviation Initiative, students are getting the chance to explore exciting aviation career opportunities using science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). We're working in partnership with schools to deliver programs that engage students and deliver real-world preparation for careers in aerospace engineering, flying, and unmanned aircraft systems/drones.

With hundreds of thousands of members spanning 75 countries, AOPA represents the world's largest community of aviators. It's our goal to put the sky within reach of everyone who dreams of flying.

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Curriculum Development

In partnership with experienced educators, curriculum developers, and aviation experts, AOPA is building high school aviation STEM curriculum that will fit within career and technical education pathways and meet rigorous math and science standards. We'll offer a four-year curriculum for each of the three pathways - pilot, aerospace engineering, and unmanned aircraft systems/drones. Each pathway will include an industry credential and will help students build career-ready skills while they learn more about opportunities in aviation and aerospace. The first courses will be ready for implementation in the fall of 2018. Thanks to generous donations to the AOPA Foundation, the curriculum will be offered free to high schools.

High School Flight Training Scholarships

We're helping young men and women who have demonstrated a passion for aviation live their dreams with scholarships to help pay for initial flight training. In 2016 and 2017 AOPA awarded more than \$200,000 in flight training scholarships to high school students.

High School Aviation STEM Symposium

Each year AOPA hosts a symposium to bring together educators and administrators to learn more about starting or growing an aviation program, share best practices, and learn about AOPA's high school curriculum. More than 300 individuals took part in the first two symposiums, and the event is growing every year.

High School Aviation Community

AOPA is leading efforts to build a community of educators and administrators who want to extend their connections beyond the annual symposium. The community will provide a way for educators to pose questions, find answers, collaborate, and share ideas.