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## 2026 Scholarship Application is now OPEN!

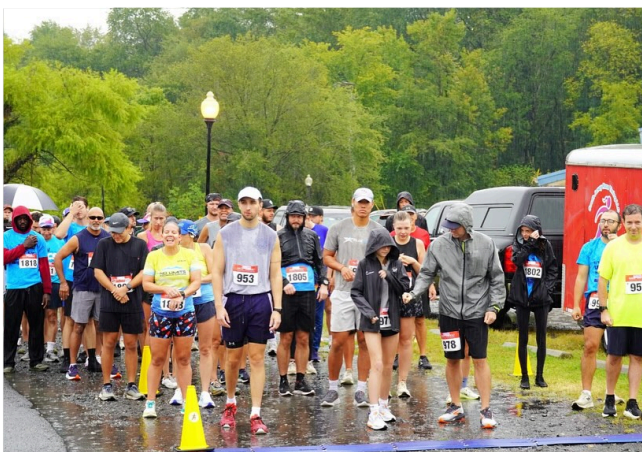


We are excited to announce that our 2026 aviation scholarship application window is now open! Since 2003, we have awarded 36 scholarships. Next year marks the 25th anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001. There were 40 heroes on United Flight 93. To honor the 40, we aspire to select 4 recipients in 2026 bringing our total recipients to 40. You can find all the eligibility and application requirements on our website under the 'scholarships' heading then 'application'. Our window to apply will close on January 31, 2026. We are excited to see who the next 4 scholarship recipients will be to reach our own 40 heroes to honor our namesake and the heroes of Flight 93. Please share with anyone ages 16-23, who is interested in becoming a pilot.

## 2nd Annual LeRoy Homer 5K Event a Success!

### We Run So They Can Fly!

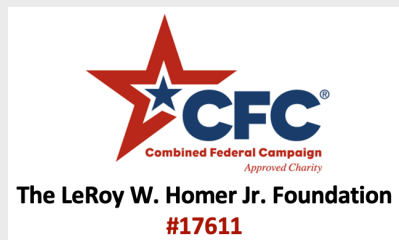
On Sunday, Sept 8, over 125 individuals persevered through the rain to support our 5K / 1 Mile Walk event in Evesham, NJ. In addition, over 55 individuals registered to participate virtually. Without your support, none of this would be possible. In addition to the registrations, so many individuals also made donations to support our scholarship program. THANK YOU!



Special guests included the Evesham police department, Evesham Mayor Jackie Veasy and Councilwoman Heather Cooper. We also had 2 of our past scholarship recipients in attendance, Richard Valenta (2003) & Ray Caruso (2022). A huge thank you to our amazing sponsors: Bradley Funeral Home, Sargent Private Wealth, Moorestown Eye Associates, Restore Health, Soul Tree, Cuba Libre, Ivy Rehab, Mazzucco & Co, Trader Joes, and Beyond Aviation Flight School. ***Save the Date For Our Next 5K - Sunday, Sept 13, 2026!***

## Giving Tuesday Is Almost Here - Dec 2

On this upcoming Giving Tuesday, please consider supporting the LeRoy Homer Foundation. Every year we have the honor of awarding aviation scholarships that change the lives of young men and women. Your financial support is what makes this possible. Donate today at [www.leroyhomer.org](http://www.leroyhomer.org).



We are excited to announce that we have been approved for another year by the Combined Federal Campaign. If you are a federal employee, you can select the LeRoy Homer Foundation to be the beneficiary charity through your payroll donations. Our CFC# is 17611. Sign up here!



## Recipient of Ray Foundation Grant

We are honored again to be the recipient of the Ray Foundation grant. The Ray Foundation has been a huge supporter of the LeRoy Homer Foundation over the last several years. Their support has allowed us to award multiple scholarships each year and this grant will be pivotal in our aspiration to reach our goal of 40 recipients for the 25th anniversary. To learn more about them please visit [www.rayfoundation.us](http://www.rayfoundation.us).

## Save the Date-Sat, Aug 22, 2026 25th Anniversary Fundraising Gala

It's hard to believe we are already approaching the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001. We are actively planning a commemorative event in the southern NJ / Philadelphia area. We don't have all the details yet but keep your eyes and ears open for more to come in the upcoming months. We hope you will join us as we HONOR THE PAST & INSPIRE THE FUTURE!

## Scholarship Recipient Spotlight Congratulations Lt. Col. Courtney Vidt



We love to give updates on our recipients and where they are in their aviation journey. A huge congratulations to our 2006 scholarship recipient, Courtney Vidt, for her recent promotion to Lieutenant Colonel in the US Air Force. She is currently serving at Travis AFB in California as a C-17 Weapons Officer and Director of Operations. We are so proud of you Lt. Col. Courtney Vidt!

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## Donor Acknowledgments - Earning Their Wings

Thank you for your ongoing support. Without you, it would not be possible for us to continue awarding flight scholarships. In addition, thank you to all the United Airlines employees who give recurring donations in the Employee Charitable Giving program. Information is available at [www.justabuck.info](http://www.justabuck.info). Due to space, we cannot acknowledge everyone here. For a full list of donors, please visit [www.leroywhomerjr.org/about/donors](http://www.leroywhomerjr.org/about/donors).

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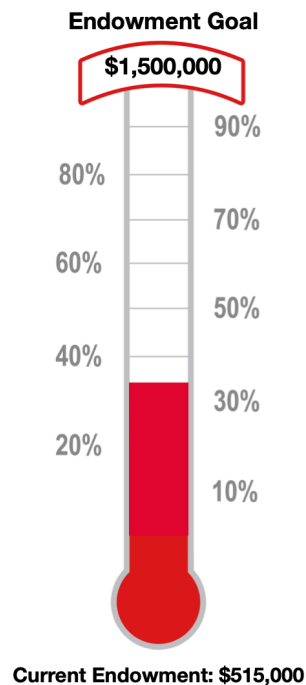
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### Endowment - Securing The Future

In 2021, we created an endowment fund in order to secure the mission and future of the foundation. The support has been amazing and we are thankful to report that we are already 1/3 of the way to our goal. Reaching this financial goal will allow us to continue awarding scholarships annually in perpetuity. If you would like to support our endowment fund, you can sign up on our website [leroyhomer.org](http://leroyhomer.org).



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