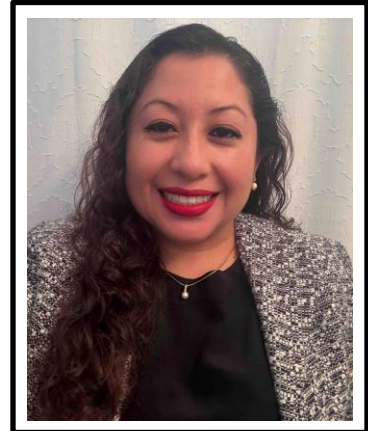


Si Robin Foundation Flight Training Scholarship

Yolanda Cortes
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BIOGRAPHY:

Yolanda Cortes is a student at Orange Coast College enrolled in the aviation science program, and works in retail. She is proud of her Latina heritage and is active in her community through mentorships.

Yolanda had to postpone her flight training due to an 18-month recovery from an injury, but is eager to get back in the air. During her recovery she became more active in her Ninety-Nines chapter by volunteering and becoming the committee chair for multiple years. She is currently overseeing the Palms to Pines Air Race committee for the 2026 air race.

Yolanda hopes to soon earn her private pilot certificate with this scholarship. Her long-term goals are obtaining her commercial certification and working as a charter pilot before eventually building her own charter company. Yolanda is determined to continue serving her community as a certified flight instructor throughout her professional career, as well as continuing to expand her leadership role in aviation organizations.

“It is a great honor to be the recipient of the Si Robin Foundation Flight Training Scholarship. I am most grateful for your belief in my journey to becoming a professional pilot. I am eternally grateful for your generous gift.

Although I am a first-generation college student and pilot in my family, my goals never seemed so achievable as they seem now. Receiving this scholarship will allow me to continue my flight training and has given me the boost of motivation to keep on with my journey regardless of the challenges that I will face because I have already overcome so many. Your earnest investment in my future goals will forever be in my heart. Again, thank you for your support.”