

NEW TDGF AWARDS FIRST SCHOLARSHIP

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On June 2, Merle Fajans, leadership co-chair of the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund, presented a \$1000 scholarship to graduating Truckee High senior Michaela Ness. Ness, a Truckee High Distinguished Scholar, was selected to receive this award from over 70 applicants to the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation Needs Based 2015 Scholarship program.

Ness was born and raised in Truckee and will be attending University of Nevada, Reno, majoring in English with an intent to pursue a career in teaching. Ranked tenth in her class of 140, Ness' love of literature blossomed in her freshman year. "[It] cemented my career choice as being a high school English teacher,"

said Ness. "I received so much support from the community as an adolescent, especially in regards to my education that I want to be able to give back to the area I call home and the community I love."

This is the first award of the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund, a new non-profit program created in 2015, designed to provide Tahoe Donner members a simple, single vehicle for supporting the greater Truckee community with fully tax deductible charitable contributions to benefit the greater Truckee/North Tahoe area. For more information on the Giving Fund, refer to <http://www.tahoeonner.com/giving-fund/>.



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TRUCKEE TAHOE AIR SHOW TOP 10 REASONS TO SEE THE SHOW

The free Truckee Tahoe Air Show & Family Festival will soar into its fourth year on July 11 with a 2015 Salute to Veterans. World War II, Triple Ace Fighter Pilot, Clarence "Bud Anderson," will return as the air show's grand marshal and featured speaker.

On May 20, Anderson received the Congressional Gold Medal in Washington D.C. for his distinguished military career and service to our country. "It's a great honor to have such a notable hero return to our show," noted Air Show Chairman and Vietnam Veteran, Tim LoDolce.

So, why else should people visit the free Truckee Tahoe Air Show & Family Festival?

1. To expose children and young adults to career and educational opportunities in aviation and science.
2. To see first-hand the Truckee Tahoe Airport District's commitment to giving back to the community with this free event.
3. To sign up a child between the ages of 8 and 17 to fly for free the next day, Sunday, July 12 at the EAA Building.
4. To watch the Guinness World Record holder for inverted flat spins, 81 full rotations, perform. Spencer Suderman will mesmerize the crowd with intense gyroscopic maneuvers.
5. To support local youth organizations, as all proceeds from sponsorships, vendor booth, t-shirt and VIP tent pass sales and much more benefit Truckee North Tahoe local youth.
6. For Truckee North Tahoe locals, it's a short drive to see a "world-class" air show with exceptional soaring talent!
7. Note that this air show boasts one of the most beautiful backdrops of any air show in the nation – Truckee's soaring pines and 360 degree views of hovering mountains.

8. Check out the United States Air Forces Super Car Tour developed to give young people hands-on experience with some of the opportunities available in the Air Force. Tour includes touch-screen games and a real stealth Vapor car.



9. This show offers a Family Festival with puppet shows, music sing-alongs, stilt walkers, face painting, story-telling...and a great view of the air show.
10. Speaking of great viewing, new for 2015 is the VIP tent pass providing first-class air show seating under a tent offering all-day shade, comfy seats, a catered lunch, non-alcoholic beverages and a cash bar for beer and wine AND private upgraded VIP only restrooms! One catch, there's a limited number of these coveted tickets available. Cost is \$45 per person or \$50 the day of the show. Children 12 and under are free. Remember, show admission and parking are also free. This is an upgrade to first-class. All proceeds go to local youth.

The Truckee Tahoe Airport District is the "Golden Wings" sponsor of the 2015 TTAS&FF, giving to the community this incredible FREE Air Show & Family Festival. All proceeds go directly to local youth through the three main non-profit organizations that produce the event: the EAA local Chapter 1073, KidZone Museum and Truckee Optimist Club.

Gates open at 9 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 11 at the Truckee Tahoe Airport.

For additional event information, visit TruckeeTahoeAirShow.com.