

I wish to thank SkykidsAz for providing me with the opportunity I'll never forget back in 2012. I was given respect and treated as a "normal" human—leaving behind the reason for me being there while with the pilot. Soon I found myself in the captain's seat and taking over the aircraft controls. I hope to meet this gentleman again and shake hands due to his crucial role in creating my passion for aerospace engineering.

My decision to contact SkykidsAz as a young adult was to share my eagerness and how this organization made a difference in my life. I have applied and received acceptance from several universities that offer an undergraduate degree in aerospace engineering. As an individual with a special needs background, I struggled to find a passion that could sustain my interest. With this program and the hands-on, life-changing experience, I realized my passion!

Through SkykidsAz, I discovered my passion for flight, which quickly led to aircraft design. As I touched down on the tarmac, I knew I wanted to be part of the aviation world. As time passed since my experience with SkykidsAz that faithful day, my passion grew more profound; the dedication was more diligent. I now am faced with the exciting reality of selecting which University I will be attending to earn my degree in Aerospace Engineering. As a member of the graduating class of 2022, I will soon close the chapter on my childhood and now look forward to the next chapter of my life through my college experience.

I will leave you with this; passions and dreams can come from the gift of time spent with a stranger. In my case, this stranger exposed me to the world of flight. I learned trying something outside your comfort zone can plant a seed of knowledge that can change your life forever.