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**OBAP to Advance 21 Aviation Careers with Scholarships**

*The United Parcel Service, United Airlines and Delta Air Lines amongst growing list of partners to offer financial support for budding aviation professionals.*

**Chicago (April 27, 2016)** – The Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP) is proud to announce that fourteen scholarships, totaling \$92,500 are available to offset costs for college tuition or STEM-related training for aspiring aviation professionals.

The scholarships, made available through partnerships with key carriers, including the United Parcel Service (UPS) funding five OBAP scholarships, allow award recipients to use funds to pursue diverse aviation-related careers including commercial pilots, aircraft maintenance and flight dispatchers.

“As a Delta Air Lines 757/767 First Officer, I truly believe that being awarded the Delta Air Lines 737 Type Rating Scholarship by OBAP in 2010 enabled me to catapult my aviation career from regional to becoming a major airline pilot. This experience also equipped me with the airline procedures and operational knowledge needed to succeed,” said First Officer Robert Holmes, an OBAP member since 2001.

For nearly 40 years, OBAP has been committed to increasing the number of minority professionals in aviation and to ready all aspiring aviation professionals to fulfill the 500,000 positions projected to be needed in commercial aviation over the next 10 years.

To date, OBAP has awarded \$4.8 million in scholarships to more than 470 diverse recipients nationwide. More information regarding each of the current scholarships is available on the organization’s website, [www.obap.org](http://www.obap.org). Deadlines for all scholarships is Sunday, June 14, 2015.

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### **About The Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP)**

Founded in 1976, OBAP is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the encouragement and advancement of minorities in all aviation and aerospace careers. The robust, and diverse, membership is also committed to supporting aspiring aviation professionals through scholarships, mentoring and training as part of Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academies being held in 25 cities nationwide.