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Conair Launches Scholarships for Aircraft Maintenance Engineer Training *Strengthening the Future of British Columbia's Aerospace Sector*

ABBOTSFORD, CANADA – Conair Group Inc. (Conair), in partnership with the BC Aviation Council (BCAC), is pleased to announce the launch of seven new Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (AME) scholarships aimed at supporting students pursuing careers in aviation maintenance in British Columbia. The scholarships are intended to help strengthen the future aviation and aerial firefighting workforce by supporting students entering Transport Canada-approved AME programs throughout the province.

Starting in 2026, Conair will fund:

- Four (4) Conair AME Entrance Scholarships valued at \$1,875 each - intended for recent or future high school graduates who have been accepted, or are pending acceptance, into a Transport Canada-approved AME training program in British Columbia
- Three (3) Conair AME Continuing Studies Scholarships valued at \$3,000 each - intended for students who are already actively enrolled in and committed to completing their AME training.

The scholarships are designed to support students pursuing AME “M”, “E”, or “S” training streams and will be administered by the BCAC Awards Committee using jointly established selection criteria developed by BCAC and Conair.

“Aircraft Maintenance Engineers play a critical role in aviation safety and operations,” said Jeff Strickland, Director, Human Resources. “As demand for skilled aviation professionals continues to grow across Canada, it is important that industry organizations invest in the next generation of technicians and engineers who will support the future of aviation.”

Applicants for both scholarship categories must be residents of British Columbia. Selection criteria will also consider financial need and demonstrated commitment to pursuing a career in aircraft maintenance.

“Conair has long recognized the importance of developing skilled aviation professionals here in British Columbia,” said Strickland. “These scholarships are intended to help remove barriers for students pursuing aviation maintenance careers while also strengthening the long-term sustainability of the industry.”

Students apply for scholarships annually through the BCAC website. Funding for scholarship recipients will be distributed by BCAC either directly to the student upon proof of tuition payment or directly to the approved AME training institution. Successful applicants may also be invited to participate in company tours and career discussions with Conair to learn more about opportunities within the aerial firefighting and aviation maintenance sectors.

About Conair Group Inc.

Headquartered in Canada, Conair is a global leader in emergency response aircraft production and operations, manufacturing, owning, and operating the world's largest fleet of fixed-wing aircraft specializing in aerial firefighting. Conair provides aircraft for long-term operational contract or sale to government agencies, serving both defense and civil missions. Founded over 55 years ago, Conair's team of over 650 professionals supports missions across Canada, the US, and Australia, responding to wildfires using a growing fleet of 80 aircraft. The company has converted more than 200 individual aircraft for emergency response, across 16 different aircraft types engineered by the company. Uniquely positioned as both an operator and Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM), Conair combines OEM engineering, certification, operational expertise, and lifecycle support to help governments build resilient, effective, and reliable all-hazard response capability when communities need it most. Learn more at www.conair.ca.