

Amelia Earhart Graduate Award Information



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Person: Amelia Mary Earhart

Born: 24th July 1897 in Kansas, America

Died: 2nd July 1937 Amelia disappeared trying to reach Howland Island in the mid-Pacific. There was a massive rescue attempt, but Amelia and her plane had vanished.

In 1938, a lighthouse was built on Howland Island in her memory, and today her bravery is celebrated around the world.

Main achievement:

She was the first female aviator (flyer) to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean in 1935. Amelia always followed her own advice. "If you want to do something, do it."

Family: She had a sister Grace Muriel Earhart who was two years longer.

They lived with their mum and dad.

She married George P Putman in 1931 and they had no children

Early Life:

She spent her days as a child exploring the local neighbourhood with her sister; hunting rats with a rifle, climbing trees and 'belly-slammimg' on a sled. These were all unusual pursuits for a girl at that time!

She wasn't at all interested in planes as a child, saying the first plane she saw at a fair was "a thing of rusty wire and wood and looked not at all interesting."

She was interested in influential women and used to keep newspaper clips about successful women.

Adult life:

- After school she worked as a nurse's aide in World War I, before becoming a social worker.
- Earhart took her first flying lesson on January 3, 1921 and, in six months, managed to save enough money to buy her first plane.
- The second-hand Kinner Airster was a two-seater biplane painted bright yellow—Earhart named her newest obsession "The Canary" and used it to set her first women's record by rising to an altitude of 14,000 feet!