

---

## MINNESOTA YOUTH SUCCESS STORY: ROSALIE

---

### WSA 1 – Northwest Private Industry Council / Inter-County Community Council

#### Rosalie



Rosalie entered her third semester in the Aviation Maintenance Technology Program (AMT) at Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. Inter County Community Council Employment and Training Staff, Jennifer Person, spoke to students at the Aviation Campus about the Youth Program. Rosalie enrolled in the Youth Program in September of 2012.

Rosalie was determined to overcome the barriers in her life and join other members of her family in the aviation industry. Her uncle is a pilot for Southwest Airlines and her grandfather is a retired pilot and airframe/engine mechanic. Rosalie was the only female student in the AMT program. It was difficult at first because she was not taken very seriously by her classmates. Rosalie liked the hands-on experience while on campus and the time spent in the shop has been her favorite. The assistance provided through the Youth Program helped her to focus on her studies.

Rosalie graduated in May of 2013 with her diploma in AMT. She then took and passed the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) General, Airframe and Powerplant Exam and the Oral and Practical Exam, both required by the FAA in order to work on airplanes. Youth funding helped support Rosalie with a classroom training scholarship, and provided assistance with tools and testing/ license fees. After completing her education, Rosalie received a job offer from the Aviation Department at the University of North Dakota and is working there as an Aircraft Mechanic.