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WW woman garners airline ticket for upbeat Facebook post
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A Walla Walla woman's Facebook post about her positive experience at the Walla Walla Regional Airport has landed her a round-trip ticket to any destination in the continental United States.

Sharon Schafer was the first of what will be two recipients of an Alaska Airlines ticket as part of a promotion on the airport's Facebook page.

Schafer was selected as the winner by airport Manager Jennifer Skoglund and recognized at the Port's Thursday meeting. Followers of the airport's Facebook page were asked to post their experiences and comments about flying from Walla Walla for a chance at a free ticket.

Schafer, a teacher for Washington Virtual Academy, said she has to fly to Seattle for work-related meetings in that area every one to two months.

"It works great to catch the early morning flight out of Walla Walla to zip over to Seattle for the meetings," she wrote in her post. "It only takes a few minutes to get to the airport, check-in goes quickly, and the parking is free. The rates are very reasonable too. In fact, it costs my school more than twice as much to pay for my car mileage to drive to Seattle than it does to fly me to Seattle -- and they also don't have to pay for a hotel when I fly!..."

More than 30 stories had been posted for the contest. Another winner is expected to be chosen later, Skoglund said.

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