



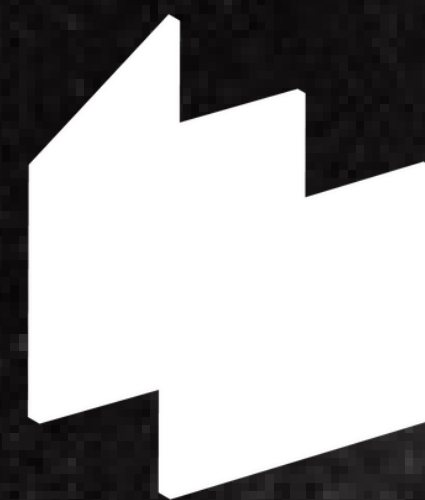
# Bessie Coleman

(1893-1926)

**Bessie Coleman soared across the sky as the first woman of African American and Native American descent to receive her pilot's license in the United States. She became an inspiring symbol of determination for African American communities across the country and encouraged people to pursue their dreams.**

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