

South Central Section Fall Aviation Scholarship Advisor Report September, 2008

This year we received seven applications for AE Scholarships, one New Pilot Award application, and no Maule Tailwheel Training applications. Thanks to all who submitted applications and thanks to the Chapter AE Chairmen who worked with the applicants to get the best results. Of the seven applications received, one was returned to the applicant at her request---she plans to re-submit next year, one was returned because the applicant hadn't adequately demonstrated financial need and five were forwarded to the Trustees for further consideration. At this time I'm thrilled to announce all five were finalists and, ultimately, winners.

The members of the SCS AE Scholarship Committee who participated in the review and selection process were:

- Rose Lepore, Chairman (Houston Chapter) rose.lepore@ps.net
- Clancey Maloney (Rio Grande Norte Chapter) clancey@cybermesa.com
- Carol Rayburn (Albuquerque Chapter) rayburnc@earthlink.net
- Cathy Wappler (Houston, Chapter) cwappler99@hotmail.com
- Becky Hempel (Austin Chapter) texasav8rx@yahoo.com

Any of these ladies, myself included, will be glad to answer any questions you may have regarding applications for the 2009 AE Scholarship, New Pilot Award and the Maule Tailwheel Training (if available for 2009)

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The following is a list of the AE Scholarship applicants who were selected by the Section committee to be sent on to the Trustees (as indicated, all were finalists and went on to become winners):

Name	Chapter	Requested	Finalist	Winner
Linda Berlin	Ambassador	Boeing 737 Type Rating	X	X
Cheryl Casillas	San Antonio	Boeing 737 Type Rating	X	X
Deena Robyn Sveinsson	Colorado	Boeing 737 Type Rating	X	X
Kirsten Brazier	Ambassador	Forest Service Mountain Course (Canada)	X	X
Suzanne Fain	Houston Chapter	Commercial Rating	X	X

Congratulations to those whose applications were sent on to the Trustees and who were subsequently awarded a scholarship. To those who were not selected this time, we encourage you to keep working toward your goals, rectify any issues that were identified during the review process and try again next year.

Congratulations also to our New Pilot Award winner, Gwen Davis, Ambassador Chapter affiliate. In the months since she won, Gwen has completed her check ride and has her license. She recently e-mailed me to say she is now a licensed private pilot and credits the award with "allowing me to take enough classes quickly without long gaps and I was able to pass my check ride with flying colors".

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Hopefully, we'll get a number of applications for the 2009 AEMSFS Scholarships, and hopefully, some of those will be from Chapters that haven't submitted an applicant for consideration in awhile. Remember, every Chapter, regardless of size, is entitled to submit at least one application, and alternates if more than one individual applies for that slot. I'm challenging all

South Central Section Chapter Chairmen to do a little research---find out when the last AE Scholarship application was submitted from your Chapter. Go online to www.ninety-nines.org and review the 2009 AE Scholarship forms, and then talk to your Chapter members. There may be someone who is eligible and could really benefit from a scholarship. Keep in mind also, there is more than one category of scholarship available---it's not limited to flying. Other aviation related academic or technical training scholarships are available as well. If you have any questions about this process, contact me as follows:

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I hope all the Chapters make their contributions to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund even though the fund has grown substantially in the past year or two. The Trustees still need the financial ability to award more scholarships in the future. Requests are increasing for more expensive ratings as our members advance in their aviation careers. I also hope that those of you who support the New Pilot Award make donations this year for that award, and that you clearly indicate your donation is to be used for that purpose.

Application forms for 2009 should be available on the Ninety-Nines, Inc. website soon. When I know what the process will be for 2009, I'll post that on the Section website along with current contact information for Section Scholarship Committee members.

Other Aviation Scholarships

There is an extensive list of aviation scholarships available on the Ninety-Nines website (www.ninety-nines.org). Several of these have links to the specific website for the scholarship, i.e., AOPA ASF Scholarship, EAA Aviation Foundation Scholarships, International Society of Women Airline Pilots, Women in Aviation International, Women in Corporate Aviation, and Whirly Girls. There are also websites listed that deal with financial aid, etc.

Respectfully Submitted,
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