

South Central Section  
Spring Aviation Scholarship Advisor Report  
May, 2009

**2009 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund**

This year we received seven applications for AE Scholarships, three New Pilot Award applications, 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, three were returned to the applicants and four were forwarded to the Trustees for further consideration. We were notified by the Trustees that one of our applicants was selected as a finalist and later notified that applicant was also a winner. Two of our New Pilot Award Applicants were successful. One New Pilot Award applicant was DQd because she hadn't completed her first solo by the deadline for her application to reach the SCS committee. The members of the SCS AE Scholarship Committee who participated in the review and selection process were:

Rose Lepore, Chairman  
Clancey Maloney  
Cathy Wappler  
Becky Hempel

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The following lists the AE Scholarship applicant and New Pilot Award applicants whose applications were selected by the Section committee to be sent on to the Trustees. Included are their Chapter affiliations, requested scholarship or award and the status of each application:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Finalist</b>	<b>Winner</b>
Monica Doherty	Ambassador	MS in Aeronautical Science	Yes	Yes
Jamie Miceli	Pikes Peak	New Pilot Award		Yes
Christi Higgins	Nebraska	New Pilot Award		Yes

Congratulations to those whose applications were successful. Those who were not selected this time should be encouraged to keep working toward their goals, rectify any issues that were identified during the review process and try again next year.

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Hopefully, we'll continue to get several New Pilot Award applications for 2010. I realize it's early for this award, but as it gets closer to November be thinking of possibilities in your Chapter and encourage anyone who meets the criteria to get the application packet from the 99s web site and apply for the award.

I would encourage anyone who is considering applying for an AE Scholarship to start working on it now. Discuss your plans with your Chapter AE Chairman, and if you have questions or need advice during the application process, feel free to contact me or any of the Committee members listed above. You'll find their contact information in the

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directory. You may also contact the AEMSF Trustees if you have questions or concerns. The important thing is, don't wait until the last minute to start on your application. Give yourself time to get advice, make changes if necessary before deadlines limit your options.

One of the SCS AE Scholarship Committee members, Becky Hempel, is planning to write an article on the application process. She's a busy lady, so I can't give you a date certain for this.

All applications for South Central Section review should be sent to me by the deadline specified in the application packet at:

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Houston TX 77092  
Cell: 713-557-7199  
Preferred e-mail: [Rose.Lepore@ps.net](mailto:Rose.Lepore@ps.net)

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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 2010 are available on The Ninety-Nines, Inc. website. When I know what the process will be for 2010, 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 web site ([www.ninety-nines.org](http://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,  
Rose M. Lepore  
***South Central Section Aviation Scholarship Advisor***