

Aviation Scholarships Spring 2012 Report

This year we received eight (8) applications for AE Scholarships, and three (3) New Pilot Award applications. The application form packets had changed slightly this year—applicants had to read the instructions carefully to be sure their applications were complete. The members of the committee who do such a great job of reviewing applications year after year are Clancey Maloney, Becky Hempel and Cathy Wappler. I may be their leader, but I'm always rushing to catch them. They are all committed to helping applicants achieve their aviation goals and would love to be contacted by applicants or Chapter AE chairs for information and advice.

Of the eight (8) applications submitted, four (4) were forwarded to the Trustees for further consideration. The Section quota for AE Scholarship applications this year was seven (7) applications and four (4) "strong" alternates. All 3 New Pilot Award applications were sent to the Trustees. The following are the applications selected by the Committee to be sent to the Trustees (I've indicated which AE applicants were selected as finalists and which New Pilot Award applicant was a winner):

- Aileen Watkins - Houston (Academic) - **FINALIST**
- Sarah Preedy - Ambassador (A320 Type Rating)
- Kirsten Brazier - Ambassador (Group IV (Helicopters) Instrument Rating) - **FINALIST**
- Laura Flanagan - Ambassador (A320 Type Rating) - **FINALIST**
- Kristi Rodriguez - Pikes Peak (New Pilot Award) - **WINNER**
- Michal Hillary Mudd - Rio Grande Norte (New Pilot Award)
- Kara Gallas - Colorado (New Pilot Award)

The four (4) applications we did not forward to the Trustees had problems we were not able to resolve before the deadline for submission. Three (3) were not forwarded because they lacked required hours, particularly PIC Cross-Country time. One lacked the total time needed for a Commercial ASEL rating. Most of these ladies have indicated they'll be back next year.

The Trustees informed me they only had funding for three (3) New Pilot Awards this year. I'm glad we were able to secure one of those. Funds for these awards do not come from the AEMSF monies, but rather are monies donated specifically for New Pilot Awards. I encourage Chapters who support this award program to make sure you specify this when donating funds.

There is clearly some confusion about what hours can and cannot be included in the requested training. Before submitting applications, applicants and Chapter AE Chairmen should:

- Check the FARs to be sure they know what's required for each rating sought

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- Read the application instructions very carefully to be sure all eligibility requirements are met, including the correct medical needed
- Only apply for the amount actually needed to cover the training, ground instruction and check ride---don't try to use training to build required time that is lacking
- Get an early start on the process---try to get the application packet as soon as it's available on the website and allow sufficient time to seek help and get questions answered well before the submission deadline
- Your SCS AE Scholarship committee is willing to help, don't hesitate to e-mail us with questions, etc. (We're all in the directory)

The number of applications submitted this year was disappointing. I know there must be more Ninety-Nines out there who could meet the eligibility requirements and would like to advance their aviation goals. If you're one of those, visit the website, review the application forms when they become available for 2013, and go for it! You will find there are plenty of former winners (names available on the website), fellow Chapter members, as well as your scholarship committee who would be happy to help you.

Since the Instructions for Chapter AE Scholarship Chairman are published on the website with the current years' AEMSF Scholarship Application forms and may change from year to year, we no longer provide a job description for Chapter AE Chairmen on the SCS website. It's extremely important that Chapters be aware of this and make sure the individual selected to serve as AE Chairman get this information from the International website as soon as it's available. They should also familiarize themselves with the entire application packet when helping a Chapter applicant get their forms ready for submission and encourage each applicant to do the same.

If you have questions, you can always contact me by phone (713-557-7199) or by email (Rose.Lepore@dell.com). If I'm not sure of the answer, I always query the Trustees to be sure I'm giving you correct information.

Remember, information about other aviation scholarships is available on The Ninety-Nines website. Several of these have links to specific websites.

Respectfully Submitted,

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