

**South Central Section
2003 Aviation Scholarship Advisor Report
Fall Section Meeting
Tulsa, Oklahoma
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The following 2003 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship winners have completed their ratings:
Kelli King/Pikes Peak/Multi-Engine Instrument
Erin McCoy/Ambassador/Boeing 737 Type Rating

The 2004 application forms for both the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship and the Future Woman Pilot Award are available on the Ninety-Nines website (www.ninety-nines.org). If you don't have access to the internet, contact headquarters at 405-685-7969 or 800-994-1929 and request the forms. If you haven't appointed a scholarship chairman in your chapter to identify potential applicants, it's time to get started on it. There isn't a lot of time left and it will go quickly.

Some tips from the SCS Scholarship Committee's review of the applications for the last few years:

- Read the instructions for the application carefully and follow them to the letter.
- Be sure mandatory points on the fact sheet are covered in the Chapter letter.
- Have the applicant copy the front **and back** of her certificate/s.
- The Chapter representative (Chairman or AE Scholarship Chairman) must sign **and** date the Eligibility Form. **The date must be no later than the deadline for submission to the Chapter (January 5, 2004).**
- Submission of an application by a Chapter implies Chapter endorsement of the applicant. The Scholarship Committee has to rely on the Chapter to screen applicants and only send on applications that have the support of the chapter.
- Be sure the applicants letter establishes financial need for the scholarship / award.
- Be sure the non-99 letter addresses the applicant's character **outside of flying**. Many times the letter writer seems to feel they have to speak to the applicant's flying ability since this is an aviation scholarship---please make it clear that this letter should not be about flying. It should be about character.
- Contact me if you have any questions about an application. If I don't know the answer to the question, I'll find out. My home phone # is 713-688-5612 , cell phone is 713-557-7199. E-mail me at R9lepor9@swbell.net or Rose.Lepore@ps.net.

SCS Scholarship Committee members for 2003: Rose Lepore, Clancey Maloney, Carol Rayburn, Becky Hempel and Cathy Wappler. The same committee will serve for 2004 with the exception of Becky Hempel. Becky will be back for 2005. If anyone is interested in filling in for Becky this year, please contact me (see above).

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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