

**South Central Section  
Spring Aviation Scholarship Advisor Report  
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**2005 AEMS**

The deadline has passed for submission of Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship applications and applications for Future Woman Pilot Awards for 2005. This year there was also a Maule Tailwheel training award. The SCS AE Scholarship Committee reviewed the applications for each category as we do each year. During that review we work with applicants to correct minor problems, etc., before forwarding the applications to the Trustees on February 15. The Trustees met in March to select career scholarship finalists and FWP winners. They also chose a winner for the Maule Tailwheel Award. The FWP winners were sent a check for \$1000 and the finalists' applications were sent to the final judges for review. AE scholarship winners are usually notified by the end of April or early May.

This year we received eight applications for AE Scholarships, five FWP applications, and one Maule Tailwheel Training application. The Chapters submitting applications and the applicants themselves did an especially good job of completing the application forms. All the signatures were dated on or before January 5, 2005, and many of the applications came to me well ahead of the January 15 deadline for postmark.

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The following is a list of the AE Scholarship applicants, their Chapter affiliations and the status of their applications at this time:

Bridget Rathgen	Pikes Peak Chapter	Winner
Janelle Baron	Pikes Peak Chapter	Winner
Carisse Craton	Colorado Chapter	Winner
Victoria Croston	Houston Chapter	Winner
Michelle Agee	Colorado Chapter	Not Successful
Bethany Buschmann	Ambassador Chapter	Not Successful
Anja Kaestner	Colorado Chapter	Not Successful
Jessica McMillan	High Country Chapter	Not Successful

These were all very good applications and no doubt the limited funds available to the Trustees kept some from going on as finalists. Congratulations to those who were selected as finalists because they were also winners. Those who were not selected this time should be encouraged to keep working toward their goals and try again next year.

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The following is a list of the Future Women Pilot Award applicants, and the status of their applications:

Marijke Unger	Winner
Jaclyn Poon	Winner
Letitia Kolb	Not Successful
Krista Anderson	Not Successful
Jacqueline Snyder	Not Successful

Again, these were all very good applications. Money available for these awards has been an issue and consequently the number of awards is limited. Keep the FWP Awards in mind when making Chapter donations to insure that more of these very deserving ladies get an opportunity to win. Please encourage those applicants who were not successful to keep going with their flight training. Give them the support they need to continue on this path.

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Our applicant for the Maule Tailwheel Training, Connie Irvine, has won that award. I received a copy of a letter sent to her by the Trustees with instructions on how to proceed. Connie is a member of the Golden Triangle Chapter. Congratulations to Connie for her efforts---she did a great job on her application (probably had some Chapter help with that also).

I hope all the Chapters make their contributions to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund so the Trustees will have the financial ability to award a record number of scholarships in the future. I also hope that

those of you who support the Future Woman Pilot Award make donations this year for that award, and that you clearly indicate your donation is to be used for that purpose.

SCS Scholarship Committee members for 2005 are: Rose Lepore, Chairman, Clancey Maloney, Carol Rayburn, Becky Hempel, and Cathy Wappler. This committee has been together for quite awhile and the members are extremely conscientious in their review of the applications. They take this responsibility very seriously. Carol Rayburn had a conflicting commitment this year but she was with us in spirit. I know there were times during our review that some of us considered "what would Carol say about this". Three of the members are former winners themselves and understand the importance of a scholarship to help meet goals on the road to an aviation career. My thanks to all of them for their hard work this year, as well as in previous years.

### **Other Aviation Scholarships**

There is an extensive list of aviation scholarships available on the Ninety-Nines website ([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.

### **2006 Scholarships, Grants & Awards**

The 2006 application packages are available in the public area of the 99s website in pdf format ([www.Ninety-Nines.org/aemsf.html](http://www.Ninety-Nines.org/aemsf.html)) or from 99s Headquarters, 1-800-994-1929.

Please obtain these packages for the appropriate scholarship or award as soon as possible. These are a few of the significant changes this year:

- ❖ The deadlines for submission of applications has changed; review these carefully. The applications must be "**in the hands of**" the Chapter AE Chairman by **December 1**, "**in the hands of**" the Section Scholarship Chairman by **December 15**, and "**in the hands of**" the Trustees by **January 15**. Notice the rules no longer reference "Post Marked by".
- ❖ There are explicit instructions for completion of each section of the application.
- ❖ There is no longer a requirement for signatures to be notarized.
- ❖ Some of the sections of the application look much different---care must be taken to complete each correctly. There are also some additional sections.
- ❖ You may apply for one of the following, depending on your eligibility: Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships, Future Woman Pilot Awards, Maule Tailwheel Training Award, and Research Scholar Grants.

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If you have questions, call me at 713-688-5612 (home) or 713-557-7199 (cell). You can also e-mail me at [Rose.Lepore@ps.net](mailto:Rose.Lepore@ps.net). I will post this updated report on the Section website and will also provide the names, and e-mail addresses of the other members of the SCS Scholarship Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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