

**South Central Section
Spring 2003 Aviation Scholarship Advisor Report
Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship
Future Women Pilot Award**

This year we received ten career scholarship applications and one Future Women Pilot Award application. SCS AEMS committee members reviewed the applications and we submitted the six career scholarship applications to the Trustees, (the number the section is allotted based on membership as of 11/30/02) plus two others as alternates. Two applications were withheld. We also submitted our one and only FWP application for that award.

I got a letter from Madeleine Monaco listing the finalists and then hot on the heels of that I got the winners from Charlene. Here's how we did:

<u>Submitted</u>	<u>Finalists</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Kelli King/Pikes Peak/Multi-Engine Instrument	Yes	Yes	\$4 630.00
Martha McKillip/Pikes Peak/Instrument	No	No	\$5390.00
Deb Price/Colorado/Multi-Engine Commercial	Yes	Yes	\$4610.00
Sandra Rutledge/Ambassador/Academic Scholarship	No	No	\$7000.00
Erin McCoy/Ambassador/Boeing 737 Type Rating	Yes	Yes	\$6880.00
Melanie Frey-Eppard's/Golden Triangle/Instrument	No	No	\$4409.00
<u>Alternates</u>			
Sophie Thibodeaux/Houston/Instrument	No	No	\$5940.00
Julia Trippe/Colorado/ATP	Yes	No	\$2490.00

Money was tight this year, as Charlene confirmed in her letter. Only 12 scholarships were awarded and only 2 FWP awards were given. I think we are well represented by accounting for 3 of the 12 winners, and probably a good percentage of the funds available. The section committee noted that Chapter Chairmen/Scholarship Chairmen are not always including all the mandatory information in their endorsement letters. Also, the signature of one of these chapter representatives is required on the eligibility form and must be dated by the date indicated on the form---this year that was January 5, 2003. We also continue to have problems with applications coming to us without a copy of the back of the license or certificate (where the ratings are listed).

Again this year I want to recognize the section committee members who do such a good job of reviewing the applications: Clancey Maloney, Carol Rayburn, Becky Hempel, and Cathy Wappler. They take this scholarship application process very seriously and the SCS is well served by their participation. We want to thank all the Chapters and applicants who submitted scholarship

applications. Regardless of whether they won or not, they made the effort. We congratulate our winners, and we encourage those who didn't win to try again.

The number of scholarships granted is based on the number of eligible applications and the amount of money available. The funds available for scholarships each year is comprised of one half the interest paid on the AEMS fund, plus one half of the donations to the fund that year, plus any specially earmarked donations for memorial scholarships, etc. Due to the economy, the fund interest was lower and probably for the same reason, the Chapter and individual donations were lower. As I do each year, once again I encourage all Chapters to remember the AE scholarship fund when considering Chapter donations. Keep in mind that this is a career scholarship and is granted to further an applicant's career in aviation. We have lots of members who are successful in aviation related careers today because they received an AEMSf scholarship when they most needed it.

There seems to be confusion about the FWP Award and how it is funded and administered. The Future Women Pilot Award is not a scholarship, and is not funded from the career scholarship fund. The guidelines for that fund don't allow for awards of this type. The FWP award is funded solely by donations specifically earmarked for that purpose. This year there was only enough money for two such awards. If Chapters or individuals want to support this award they must be very clear when they make a donation that it is to be used for that purpose. If not, the money goes in the career scholarship fund.

The application forms for the 2004 AEMSf scholarships and the FWP award will be available soon on the Ninety-Nines website. Chapters should begin to work on the 2004 applications as soon as they identify good candidates. I will be sending a letter to all Chapter Chairmen / Chapter AE Scholarship Chairmen with additional information once the forms are available and the instructions for next year are updated. Included in that letter will be contact information for all the section scholarship advisors, as well as tips on how to avoid potential problems.

Respectfully Submitted

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