

South Central Section Spring Aviation Scholarship Advisor Report January 2004

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The deadline has passed for submission of Amelia Earhart Memorial Career Scholarship applications and applications for Future Woman Pilot Awards. Now the work begins. The SCS Scholarship committee will review the applications received. During that review we work with applicants to correct minor problems, etc., before forwarding the applications to the Trustees on February 15. The Trustees will meet in March to select career scholarship finalists and FWP winners. The FWP winners will be sent a check for \$1000 after that meeting and the finalists' applications will go to the final judges for review. Career scholarship winners are usually notified by the end of April or early May.

This year we received eleven applications for career scholarships and two FWP applications. This is the largest number of applications we have received in several years, at least the last ten years if memory serves. We beat last year's total by one. The review has just begun, but it's apparent that someone was paying attention at the Fall SCS meeting when I went over some of the points to remember, or they checked the section website. All the signatures are dated on or before January 5, 2004, and many of the applications came to me well ahead of the January 15 deadline for postmark.

I hope all the Chapters made their contributions to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund so the Trustees will have the financial ability to award a record number of scholarships. I also hope that those of you who support the Future Woman Pilot Award made donations this year for that award, and that you clearly indicated your donation was to be used for that purpose. Last year only two FWP awards were given because that's all the funding that was available.

SCS Scholarship Committee members for 2004 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. 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 (<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,
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