

**South Central Section
Spring Aviation Scholarship Advisor Report
May 2006**

2006 AEMS

This year we received twelve applications for AE Scholarships, no FWP applications, and no Maule Tailwheel Training application. The Chapters submitting applications and the applicants themselves did an especially good job of completing the application forms. The 2006 forms were completely changed from previous years and applicants had to complete them carefully. The new forms presented challenges to the applicants, Chapter AE Chairs and the SCS Scholarship Committee. Committee members reviewing the applications for 2006 were:

Rose Lepore, Chairman
Clancey Maloney
Carol Rayburn
Cathy Wappler

Becky Hempel didn't participate in the committee activities this year since she was an applicant.

Of the twelve applications submitted, the Section Scholarship Committee voted to withhold three and send the remaining nine to the Trustees for further review (the Section quota was nine applicants based on membership.) The three applications withheld had issues we could not resolve before the deadline. Of the nine submitted, six were selected as finalists. Four of the six finalists were ultimately winners.

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The following is a list of the AE Scholarship applicants whose applications were selected by the Section committee to be sent on to the Trustees, their Chapter affiliations and status:

Name	Chapter	Finalist	Winner
Janelle Baron	Pikes Peak		
Cheryl Casillas	San Antonio	Yes	
Natalie Corrao	Colorado	Yes	Yes
Becky Hempel	Austin	Yes	Yes
Michelle Hovey	Ft. Worth	Yes	Yes
Jessica McMillan	High Country		
Monica Neilsen	Ambassador	Yes	Yes
Deb Price	Colorado	Yes	
Jill Williams	Dallas		

These were all very good applications and all deserved to win. Congratulations to those who were selected as finalists, and winners, but also to those who made the effort in pursuit of their aviation goals. 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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I'm not sure why we had no FWP applications. According to the Trustees, this was the case across the organization. Maybe the opportunity to apply for this award twice a year instead of once will bring more FWP applicants forward. 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 complete their rating.

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Of our 2005 winners, I've received notification that all three have completed their rating:

Janelle Baron	Instrument Rating
Victoria Croston	Commercial
Bridget Rathgen	Certified Flight Instructor

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.

Application forms for 2007 should be available on the Ninety-Nines, Inc. website soon. There will be changes to the forms again this year, and although I haven't seen them yet, I believe the changes will be significant. When I know what the process will be for 2007, and the deadlines for applications, I'll post that on the Section website along with current contact information for Section Scholarship Committee members.

Applications for FWP awards for the mid-year awards are due in my hands by June 1, 2006. If you know of anyone who is planning on submitting an application, time is running out.

Other Aviation Scholarships

There is an extensive list of aviation scholarships available on the Ninety-Nines website at 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,
Rose M. Lepore

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