

AIAA Foundation Scholarship/Award Program

Deadline for submission of applications: **31 January**

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics is to advance the arts, sciences, and technology of aeronautics and astronautics. The Institute encourages: original research; furthers the dissemination of new knowledge; fosters the professional development of those engaged in scientific and engineering activities; improves public understanding of the profession and its contributions; fosters education in engineering and science; promotes communication among engineers and scientists, as well as other professional groups; and stimulates outstanding professional accomplishments. Funding is provided through the AIAA Foundation, the nonprofit educational arm of the AIAA.

This program was instituted in the fall of 1977 and now presents thirty scholarships and 14 graduate awards annually.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants for an AIAA Foundation Scholarship/Award shall meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Applicant must have completed at least one (1) academic quarter or semester of full-time college work.
2. Applicant must have a college grade point average of not less than the equivalent of a 3.3 on a 4.0 scale.
3. Applicant shall be enrolled in an accredited college or university.
4. Applicant does not have to be an AIAA student member in good standing to apply, but must become one before receiving a scholarship.
5. Applicant's scholarship plan shall be such as to provide entry into some field of science or engineering encompassed by the technical activities of AIAA.
6. Applicant shall not have, or subsequently receive, any other scholarship/award which, when combined with the AIAA Foundation award, would provide a stipend greater than their tuition plus educational expenses (such as books, lab fees, room, board, etc.) estimated by the educational institution he/she plans to attend.
7. Sophomores and juniors who receive one of these awards are eligible for yearly continuation of the awards (until completion of their senior year) provided they maintain at least the equivalent of a 3.3 on a 4.0 scale, have excellent references, and submit well defined aerospace/aeronautical career goals. It should be stressed that regardless of GPA, **renewal is not automatic**. To apply for renewal, an individual must submit a completed application.
8. Applicants may be students of any nationality, not restricted by the U.S. State Department, in full-time study at any accredited college or university within the United States.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The recipients of the scholarship/award will be selected on the basis of the following criteria which are listed in order of importance:

1. *Scholarship*

This criterion shall be evaluated on the basis of the applicant's grade point average or its equivalent. A grade point average of not less than a 3.3 (B+) is required. You must submit your official college transcript to be eligible.

2. *Career Goals*

This criterion will be evaluated by assessment of a 500-1,000 word typewritten essay. The essay should specify the career objectives of the applicant and should outline the academic program required to achieve those career objectives.

3. *Recommendations*

Each new applicant must include no more and no less than three (3) typewritten letters of recommendation. Individuals seeking renewal shall comply with the requirements outlined above in item seven (7) of the section entitled "Eligibility." *Recommendations from relatives will not be accepted*. All letters of recommendation may be attached to the application or sent directly to the Director of Student Programs at AIAA at the address listed below.

Recommendations must be received by 31 January.

4. *Extracurricular Activities*

Each applicant's high school, college and community activities, offices, awards, and work experience will receive due consideration.

5. *Optional Information*

A copy of the applicant's latest SAT score report (for a scholarship) is optional. A copy of the applicants latest GRE score is required (for a graduate award).

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

1. *General*

The AIAA Student Activities Committee, or a subcommittee thereof, will act as the Scholarship Program Committee and will be responsible for selecting the recipients of the awards. AIAA Headquarters shall serve as the custodian and disbursing agency for the scholarship funds and will be responsible for handling the administrative details of the program.

2. *Publicity*

The Scholarship Award Program will be publicized in *Aerospace America*, the *AIAA Student Journal*, and in various AIAA section "Newsletters" or "Bulletins." The award program is also planned to be publicized in other appropriate national publications which list the various scholarship programs and awards that are available to students. The scholarship application form will be distributed to all educational institutions, which have AIAA Student Branches, and to all AIAA Sections for further dissemination to educational institutions in their geographical areas.

3. *Submittal of Applications*

The completed application (including transcripts, essays, etc.) must be received by 31 January, for consideration. Students submitting their applications should include the essay mentioned herein under "Selection Criteria" and also make arrangements to have their official college transcripts sent directly to AIAA. Sophomore and junior students who have received one of these scholarship awards and wish to be considered for continuation of this award should arrange to have transcripts of their college academic record, and letters of recommendation from their faculty members and others supporting their continuance in the program sent to AIAA. Applications and related materials should be addressed to:

**AIAA Foundation Scholarship Program
1801 Alexander Bell Drive
Suite 500
Reston, VA 20191-4344**

It is the responsibility of the applicant to have a completed application package at the above address by the deadline date.

An online submittal process is available. Please visit <http://www.aiaa.org> for details.

4. *Selection of Award Recipients*

The decision of the AIAA Scholarship Committee is considered to be final and all candidates will be advised of the outcome by 16 June for the following fall semester or quarter.

5. *Disbursement of the Scholarship Awards*

Disbursement of the scholarship awards shall be made in the form of a check in the name of the recipient and sent to the educational institution of the selected candidate. Educational institutions attended by recipients will be notified of the scholarship awards so that the institution can coordinate the financial transactions.

Disbursement of the graduate awards shall be made in the form of a check in the name of the recipient and sent directly to the recipient. A 1099 will be issued to the recipient at the end of the year in accordance with federal law. Recipients should consult a tax professional to see if any tax liability applies.

6. *Restrictions*

Anyone involved in an AIAA National Technical Committee, Education Committee, or other AIAA National Member Committee, or National Subcommittee is not eligible for this scholarship.