

# AIAA Foundation Neil A. Armstrong Graduate Award

One \$5,000 award will be made annually

*Deadline for fully completed applications: **31 January***

## OBJECTIVE

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Foundation (AIAA Foundation) Neil A. Armstrong Graduate Award honors the character and achievements of the late astronaut, military pilot and educator while also providing deserving students with the financial assistance needed to complete their studies.

## ELIGIBILITY

Applicants for the Graduate Award shall meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen.
2. Applicant shall be enrolled in a graduate program of an accredited college or university within the United States or its territories and have completed at least one (1) academic quarter or semester of full-time graduate level college work.
3. Applicant must have a college grade point average of not less than the equivalent of a **3.000** on a **4.000** scale.
4. Applicant must be an AIAA student member in good standing to apply and must continue their membership during the time the award is offered should they be selected.
5. Applicant's education 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, other awards which, when combined with the AIAA Foundation graduate 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. Students who receive awards are not restricted from applying in subsequent years.

## SUBMISSION PROCESS

Award application, research plan, essay and recommendations must be submitted online at <http://www.aiaa.org/students> by 31 January.

The official college transcripts must arrive to AIAA Headquarters by 31 January. Official College Transcripts should be addressed to:

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

## SELECTION CRITERIA

The recipient of the graduate award will be selected on the basis of the following criteria, which are listed in order of importance. ALL items must be received by 31 January.

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 **3.300** (B+) is required. You must submit your official college transcript to be eligible (if you attended more than **one** school, transcripts from ALL schools must be provided).
2. *Career Goals*  
This criterion will be evaluated by assessment of a 500-1000 word essay. The essay should specify the applicant's career objectives, outline the academic program required, and describe how this award will be used to help achieve the stated career objectives.
3. *Research Outline*  
A research outline must be submitted. This must be presented as a pdf file no more than six (6) pages. You may outline your research in any way that you choose, but you must clearly define hypotheses, research approach, objectives, and benefits of the research.

4. *Recommendations*

Each application must include no more and no less than three (3) letters of recommendation. *Recommendations from relatives will not be accepted.* All letters of recommendation must be submitted through the online system. Paper or email letters will not be accepted. Letters of recommendation must be received by 31 January.

5. *Extracurricular Activities*

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

## **ADMINISTRATION OF THE AWARD**

1. General

The AIAA Fellows will be responsible for selecting the recipients of the Graduate Award. AIAA Headquarters shall serve as the custodian and disbursing agency for the award funds and will be responsible for handling the administrative details of the program.

2. Publicity

The Graduate Award Recipients will be publicized in various Institute publications and through various social media channels.

3. Selection

The decision of the AIAA Selection 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.

4. *Disbursement of the Graduate Award Funds*

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.

5. *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 Graduate Award.