

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 thirteen 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 (Grad applicants must have completed 1 term of graduate level work).
2. Applicant must have a college grade point average of not less than the equivalent of a **3.300** on a **4.000** scale.
3. Applicant shall be enrolled in an accredited college or university within the United States or its territories. The exception to this is that applicants for the Orville and Wilbur Wright Graduate Awards and the Guidance, Navigation, and Control Graduate Award may be attending any accredited school in the world.
4. Applicant must be an AIAA student member in good standing to apply and must continue their membership during the time the scholarship is offered should they be selected.
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 not restricted from applying in subsequent years.
8. Applicants may be students of any nationality, not restricted by the U.S. State Department, in full-time study.

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 **3.300** (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). Transcripts must include work completed through the most recent term.

2. *Career Goals*

This criterion will be evaluated by assessment of a 500-1,000 word type written 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 applicant must include no more and no less than three (3) letters of recommendation. *Recommendations from relatives will not be accepted.* All letters of recommendation should be submitted through the online system. Paper letters will not be accepted.

4. *Extracurricular Activities*

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

All materials must be received by 31 January.

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.

3. *Submission of Applications*

The online application (including recommendations, essays, etc.) must be completed by 31 January, for consideration. 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**

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

The Online application is at the following webpage:
<https://info.aiaa.org/scholarship>

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's educational institution and sent to the educational institution on behalf 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.