

## **WICHITA AERO CLUB STIMPSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES**

*The Wichita Aero Club fosters and promotes interest in aviation, provides a forum that focuses on the industry's issues and achievements, and brings together those with a passion for flight in an environment that expands and enhances professional relationships and furthers cooperation and understanding. The Wichita Aero Club is based in Wichita, KS.*

*Ed Stimpson was not from Wichita, or even the local region, but his impact on general aviation and the many people who work in the Air Capital was significant. A major advocate and supporter of aviation education, he graduated from Harvard and earned a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Washington. He was also a long-time member of the Board of Trustees at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, serving seven years as Chairman of the Board. Stimpson began his career in aviation as the head of Congressional Affairs for the Federal Aviation Administration under the Kennedy Administration. In 1970, he became president of the newly formed General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA), quickly assuming a leadership role in the direction of nearly every significant aviation policy issue of the era, including the establishment of the Airport and Airways Trust Fund, the allocation of aviation fuel during an oil embargo, and a strike by the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Association. During the 1990's, when Ed was President of the GAMA, a post he held for 25 years, he was the face of General Aviation on Capitol Hill. He, along with Russ Meyer (former Cessna Aircraft Company Chairman and CEO), helped spearhead the effort to pass the General Aviation Revitalization Act of 1994, which helped preserve or create many thousands of jobs. Following his tenure at GAMA, Ed was appointed by President Clinton as the United States representative to the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Montreal, with the rank of Ambassador. He retired from that position in 2005. With his encyclopedic knowledge of general aviation and his genial, engaging style, Stimpson quarterbacked virtually every industry advocacy effort during a remarkable 30+ year career. Honoring Ed and his contributions to aviation and education by naming the Wichita Aero Club's annual scholarship in his honor is a fitting tribute to a true statesman and friend of all those who fly.*

*This scholarship seeks applicants who wish to make a significant contribution to the aviation industry. Potential applicants are advised to review the following criteria carefully prior to making application for scholarship assistance. All applications are due by close of business on March 15 annually to the Wichita Community Foundation, 301 N. Main, Suite 100, Wichita, KS 67202.*

*To be eligible:*

1. Applicants must be a resident of the United States or authorized to work in the United States. If an applicant is a resident of Kansas, he or she may attend and pursue aviation-related studies at an educational institution outside the state of Kansas. If the applicant resides outside the state of Kansas, they must elect to pursue aviation-related studies at an educational institution in the state of Kansas to qualify for a scholarship award.
2. Applicants shall have completed at least 50% of the required credits for a certificate, an associate's degree or a bachelor's degree at an accredited educational institution and have demonstrated an interest in pursuing a degree and/or obtaining professional certification in an aviation-related field of study.
3. Applicants must submit a complete application for consideration, including a transcript.

*Scholarship Parameters:*

1. Scholarship awards may only be used for tuition, fees and educational materials not paid for by state or federal grants. Awards will be paid directly to the educational, academic or training institution of the awardee.
2. All scholarships will be forfeited if not used within six (6) months from the date they are awarded. Exceptions to this rule are rare and are considered on a case by case basis.
3. Awards will be made with regard to financial need and academic achievement.
4. Scholarships may be renewed for an additional year so long as the student maintains satisfactory academic progress in an aviation-related field. Prior awardees are required to submit a full application to be considered.
5. A scholarship applicant may not have a blood or marriage relationship to any member of the Scholarship Selection Committee or any member of the Foundation Board of Directors or staff, even though the applicant meets the other criteria for the scholarship.
6. The Board of Directors of the Foundation will appoint the Scholarship Selection Committee which will initially consist of the Board Chair of the Wichita Aero Club and representative members of the Wichita Aero Club Education Committee. This committee shall recommend the selection of scholarship recipients to the Foundation Board who shall make the final decision.