

EAA Chapter 1044 Scholarship Guidelines

Overview

EAA Chapter 1044 is located at Mogollon Airpark in Overgaard, Arizona. Chapter 1044 is focused on education in the furtherance of (a) supporting and promoting the educational programs designed for the general aviation community (with specific emphasis on educational programs for youngsters between 10 and 17 years of age); (b) enhancing public interest in general aviation programs and the benefits provided thereby; (c) and enhancing flight safety in general, especially as it relates to the construction and operation of experimental aircraft.

Overgaard, Arizona is located in Navajo County. This area is considered rural, with a large American Indian population. Per 2013 US Census Bureau statistics, over 30% of the population is below poverty level. In Overgaard itself, statistics show that 75% of the adult population over 25 have graduated from high school, but only 13% have a Bachelor's degree or higher. Our most important goal as a Chapter is to help our local youth expand their horizons in terms of career goals.

One way that EAA Chapter 1044 supports this goal is to sponsor an aviation scholarship to send deserving members of our local community to summer aviation camp. Fun and discovery combine for an experience that young people can find nowhere else at the EAA Air Academy, a series of week-long camps designed to introduce young people ages 12-18 to the aviation world. Campers are engaged through a variety of hands-on activities while staying at the EAA Air Academy Lodge in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Experienced aviation instructors help them delve into flight through studies, hands-on demonstrations, flight simulation, and other exciting activities. Air Academy provides the foundation for a lifelong love of aviation.

Scholarship Committee

To support this program, a scholarship committee, designated by the Chapter, solicits and reviews candidates for the Chapter sponsored scholarship on an annual basis. The scholarship committee is comprised of at least one Chapter officer and several volunteer members of the Chapter. The committee will review all applications, and recommend candidates to the Board for approval.

Responsibilities

The scholarship committee is responsible to:

- Develop, approve and distribute materials to advertise the program.
- Provide a standardized request form that candidates are required to complete.
- Review the eligibility requirements of prospective award recipients.
- Determine if a deserving/qualified candidate is available for selection within the time-frame designated.
 - Consideration criteria will include: review/validation of application form and personal/telephone interview. Weighting of selection criteria is determined by the scholarship committee.
- Select candidate(s) determined to be the most deserving of the scholarship. The final candidate(s) is then presented to the Board for approval/disapproval.

Advertising

The scholarship is advertised through a variety of means: Flyers will be posted at the local junior high and high schools, community bulletin boards, and merchant windows. The scholarship will also be publicized at any local events we attend and on our EAA Chapter 1044 website and Facebook page.

Application

An application request for the Chapter's scholarship form may be obtained on-line via the Chapter's web site.

<http://www.eaachapter1044.org/>, or upon request from any Chapter officer. Interested parties must submit their applications to the Chapter no later than January 25th of the award year. Chapter officer telephone and email addresses are available on the Chapter website: <http://eaachapter1044.org>.

Applicant shall submit qualifying information:

- 1) Substantiate Heber-Overgaard residency
- 2) Confirmation of Young Eagles Flight (copy of Certificate)
- 3) Any letter(s) of recommendation from non-family members
- 4) An essay on why the applicant is interested in aviation

Review

The Scholarship committee will review applications during January to determine individual qualifications. The Committee's recommendation of a qualified candidate(s) is presented to the Board by February 1st. The Board will review the applicant for approval/disapproval by February 5th. The applicant will be notified of the Board's decision shortly after the decision process, not later than February 10th. If the committee cannot determine a qualified individual for a given scholarship year, no award will be made for that year and the funds shall remain in the scholarship account.

If not selected for a given year, to be considered again, an individual must resubmit a new application for a subsequent award year.

Award

A scholarship is awarded to a single individual to cover all costs of the camp, including tuition, meals and transportation, which is usually between \$1,300 and \$2,000 per scholarship year. The funds are paid directly to the Air Academy. Air fare and fee for one checked bag will be paid directly to the airline.

Scholarship Year Award Deadlines

A summary of timeframes to conduct the various phases of the scholarship award process are outlined below:

- a. Application Submission - January 25th
- b. Committee Review/Selection – February 1st
- c. Board Approval/Disapproval Decision – February 5th
- d. Notification to Recipient – February 10th
- e. Disbursement of Award - Reservation and Deposit no later than February 15th
- f. Disbursement of Award – Air fare/baggage fees – After selection and acceptance of award recipient
- g. Disbursement of Award - Full payment no later than 30 days before camp.

Chapter Funding

Funds to support EAA Chapter 1044's scholarship shall be maintained in the Chapter's bank account. Support of funding may be acquired through a variety of venues, including specific fund raisers, donations, and other specific programs approved by the Chapter Board of Directors.

Should the scholarship fund not have enough monies to cover the entire cost of Air Academy camp and air fare, a scholarship will not be awarded.