



# 2023 FRED A. TUPPER/DEBBIE BANMAN GISKIE SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

(October 2, 2023)

The Kansas Association of Airports Fred A. Tupper/Debbie Banman Giskie Scholarship program is making available a maximum of two \$1500 scholarships to assist students and airport professionals with their airport management/administration or aviation related technical based education.

## **Purpose**

The purpose of the scholarship program is to assist 1) students entering into or continuing their airport management/administration education 2) students in an aviation/aircraft related technical based education 3) airport professionals with their continuing aviation related education.

## **Details**

The scholarship shall be used within six months of its award for tuition and fees, books, study material, classroom materials and registration. The scholarship may not be used for conference fees and expenses nor for prior school or certification.

Examples of eligible programs with residency requirements are:

1) Student track for airport management/administration:

Enrolled in or attending an airport management/administration university program. Enrollment to attend an upcoming semester/term is considered eligible.

To be eligible for the academic/student track, the applicant may be a Kansas resident and attend an in-state or out of state school **OR** a non-resident student attending a school in Kansas (for non-Kansas residents, preference will be given to those who are attending at least one in-person class in Kansas).

2) Student track for aviation/aircraft related technical school:

Enrolled in or attending an aviation/aircraft related technical school to, once completed, enter the aviation community. Examples of aviation/aircraft related

programs are UAS, electronics, mechanics, maintenance, composites, and professional pilot (must already have a private pilot license and be working to earn an advanced certificate such as instrument, commercial, multi-engine, flight instructor or flight instructor instrument. Please provide a scanned copy of your pilot certificate with your application). Enrollment to attend an upcoming semester/term is considered eligible.

To be eligible for the academic/student track, the applicant may be a Kansas resident and attend an in-state or out of state school **OR** a non-resident student attending a school in Kansas (for non-Kansas residents, preference will be given to those who are attending at least one in-person class in Kansas).

### 3) Professional track:

AAAE certification programs such as accredited airport executive, certified member, airport certified employee, airport rescue firefighter, and airport security coordinator. An applicant may apply for a scholarship prior to enrolling or completing a certification process; however, the scholarship will not be paid to the applicant until proof of successful completion of the certification is provided to KAA.

To be eligible the applicant must be employed with a business/school within the State of Kansas.

## **Applicant's Essay**

To be eligible for consideration an applicant shall provide an essay of their aviation interests, goals, experiences, awards, etc. as well as their plans for school or career within the aviation community. The essay shall be no more than one page, double spaced, signed and dated by the applicant.

## **Sponsor's Letter of Recommendation**

An airport/school/business must sponsor the applicant by providing a Sponsor's Letter of Recommendation (no more than one, double spaced page). The Sponsor's Letter of Recommendation shall indicate their relationship with the applicant and knowledge of the applicant's aviation interests and experience. The letter shall be on the sponsor's letterhead, signed and dated by a representative of the airport/school/business.

## **Application**

For an application to be considered these items must be received on or before 5 p. m., **November 30, 2023:**

- 1) A completed and signed scholarship application
- 2) The applicant's essay
- 3) A copy of the applicant's driver's license (and pilot certificate, if applying under the professional pilot student track)
- 4) The Sponsor's Letter of Recommendation

- 5) Evidence of entry into or attendance at an accredited, airport management related program described in Details section. If not currently enrolled in an eligible program indicate your intent to enter such program within the six months timeframe indicated.

### **Award of Scholarships**

The scholarship committee will review all eligible applications and select the applicants that most closely meets the purpose of the scholarship program and advances the mission of the Kansas Association of Airports.

It is the intent of the Kansas Association of Airports to deposit the scholarship check into the student's school account; however, under some circumstances, a check will be issued directly to the scholarship recipient once all conditions are satisfied. If the winner is not currently in an eligible program the scholarship winner has six months from the award of scholarship to provide evidence of attendance in an eligible program. Once that evidence is provided the scholarship payment will be made.

### **Miscellaneous**

The Kansas Association of Airports reserves the right to not award a scholarship and to waive irregularities. An application received after the deadline is subject to not being considered.

The Kansas Association of Airports will endeavor to keep the personal information contained in the application confidential.

All other things being deemed equal, the application received first will receive preference as will those that have not received a prior KAA scholarship.

Information provided beyond what is requested will not be evaluated.

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