

NINETY-NINES AEMSF SCHOLARSHIP WEBINAR

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CECI'S PRESENTATION OBJECTIVES

- Highlight how to prevent common mistakes made on AE scholarship applications

(Primarily focusing on the Flight Training Scholarship with some suggestions for the Academic Scholarship)

- Provide tips for applicants and AE Chairs to improve the odds of winning
- Emphasize the importance of reading the 99s General Requirements and Instructions over and over!!!
- Present qualities of a SOLID application
- List resources for more ideas on applying to scholarships

EARLY ON – AE CHAIRS

- “Advertise” scholarships
- Read General Requirements & Instructions
- Meet with each applicant –
 - Goals?
 - Is she eligible?
 - Is objective & timeline realistic?
- Seek a mentor
- One Chapter does a survey to determine who will apply. Committee selects applicants they will submit.

EARLY ON - APPLICANTS

- Read General Requirements & Instructions
 - What scholarship do I want to meet goals?
 - Am I eligible?
 - What is my plan for training?
- Contact Chapter AE Chair
- Know your goal & your passion for aviation
- Start application – have someone review
- Send draft and corrections to Chapter AE Chair
- Be active in your Chapter
- Look for person to write LOR

APPLICATION TIPS

(Primarily for Flight Training Scholarship)

- **PART I – Personal Information**

- Answer ALL Questions – “N/A” on lines not applicable
- Put both Date & Type on question about currency
- List all info requested on Scholarships applied for in last year
 - Don’t forget “Pending Notification Date” where applicable

- **PART II – Pilot Experience**

- Time Building Box – Put your plan to add hours required for ratings/certificates applying for

- **Part III – Flight Training Course & Funding Requested**

- Verify calculations are correct and add up!
- Be sure airplane or devise is indicated where requested
- CFI/FBO must sign & put address

APPLICATION TIPS, Continued

• PART IV – Essay

- Header - your name & scholarship title with year
- Attention-getting opening is essential!
- Show your passion for & involvement in aviation
- Answer ALL questions you're asked to cover
 - *TIP – Write questions on Word doc*
Answer each one
Remove questions when you're done
- State your goal & add a PLAN
 - *TIP – Include timeline (MM/YY), flight school, CFI, etc.*
- Show strong financial need (with specific dollar figures)
 - Total cost to get rating/certificate
 - How much you've already spent, what you can input from savings, loans, gifts, jobs, etc.
 - How will scholarship help
- Ending – tie in with opening statement if possible

APPLICATION TIPS, Continued

PART V – Personal Letter of Recommendation

- Choose someone who knows your qualities well
- Make sure they answer ALL the questions
- Provide specific examples for each quality/characteristic
- Assure they sign final document (Scanned sig ok)

PART VI – Documentation

- Make very clear scanned copies, both sides as applicable
- Logbooks
 - Scan last 2 pages, left side over right side, portrait format
 - Flag/asterisk/highlight entry for currency
 - Year in upper left corner
 - Total columns (pencil ok) and check addition
- Put header on each page with name & document description
(E.g. “Ceci Stratford – Logbook, Page 1”)

APPLICATION TIPS, Continued

PART VIII – 99s RECOMMENDATION

- A strong recommendation can make the difference!
- Don't repeat what's in applicant's essay
- Add examples of her participation and qualities
- Answer ALL the questions listed

APPLICATION TIPS, Continued

Academic Scholarship

PART I – Personal Information

- On “Scholarship” line put degree, not rating

PART II - Academic Course Description

- “Degree or Certification being pursued” e.g. Bachelors

PART VI – Documentation

- Label each document per list under “ALL APPLICANTS”

(This helps because sometimes it’s difficult to tell which paper is the document they’re asking for)

- Circle GPA so it’s easier to find
- Description of Program – can include brochure copy
- If flight training is part of curriculum, include logbook pages

APPLICATION TIPS

CORRECTIONS & SUBMISSION

APPLICANTS –

- Put all pages in correct order, eliminating 99s' instructions pages
- Create a PDF file with all pages
- For file name, use your name, scholarship, year
(e.g. "StratfordinstrumentAE2021")
- For file with **corrections**, put ALL pages in a single PDF and resubmit to Chapter AE Chair
 - *For each version, add version number at end of file name (e.g. V.2)*

APPLICATION TIPS

CORRECTIONS & SUBMISSION

AE CHAIRS –

- Tell applicants file name format so applications don't get lost
- Review all pages of all applicants
- Let each applicant know what she can do to improve her application
- Get concurrence from Committee & Chapter on which apps to submit
- When submit final applications to Section AE Chair, put only ONE application (one PDF) in each email to her
 - *Saves time and lost applications*

WHAT MAKES A SOLID APPLICATION?

- Application is neat and complete; shows attention to detail
- Essay is captivating and thorough, explaining financial need well
- Applicant is active in Chapter & aviation, with detailed examples; she is enthusiastic and proactive
- Her plan is realistic and complete
- She explains what she'll do if she doesn't get the scholarship
- Letters of Recommendation are strong and have specific examples

RESOURCES FOR MORE IDEAS

- Southwest Section 99s Scholarships – “Tips For Applying to Scholarships”

www.sws99s.org

- San Fernando Valley 99s – “Ceci’s Tips” which includes a comprehensive aviation Scholarship List

www.sfv99s.org/education.php

- Flight Training Scholarships – By Dottie Norkus
Includes list of scholarships for women & men and an article on “Application Tips”

www.flightscholarship.info

- AEMS F Tips Power Point

<https://tinyurl.com/AEMSftips>