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The Fred Kacena Flight Training Scholarship

About the Scholarship

Fred became interested in the Experimental Aircraft Association in the 1950's and was a founding member of Chapter 240 (EAA 240). Over the years Fred earned numerous awards including the prestigious EAA Major Achievement Award. He was also a member of the OX-5 group and the QBs (Quiet Birdmen). After more than 60 years of dedicating his love to aviation, Fred retired in 2004 and "went west" at the age of 89 in March of 2007. Chapter 240 (EAA 240) used a bequest from Fred to fund a scholarship in his memory for young people interested in learning to fly and deserving of financial assistance.

Fred was born in Cedar Rapids, IA, on August 1, 1917. After high school, Fred joined the U.S. Army and honorably served his country during WWII. After the war, Fred became a PT-19 expert for the Air Corps Flight School in Uvalde, TX. In 1948 Fred and his family moved to Newark, DE where he began working as a control surface specialist for TWA. Fred later joined an atomic power research program at the University of Delaware while employed reconditioning Navy blimps in Elkton, MD.

Fred's next endeavor was an airplane shop at Lovett Airport in Elkton that his friends called "Fat Freddie's Fly Factory." He passed the Authorized Inspector examination for the FAA and later became shop foreman at Chester County Aviation. Fred acted on an opportunity at the FAA and spent the next 15 years commuting to the Baltimore Airport. In retirement Fred was given the responsibility of a Designated Area Representative (DAR) authorizing certification of amateur-built and restricted aircraft and to re-issue standard certificates for the FAA.

Fred's life was a testament to the dreams of any young aviator. He enjoyed wonderful experiences and personal achievement. At the EAA Chapter 240 it is our good fortune to honor Fred's passion for flight and engender that passion to the next generation.

We invite you now to explore the realm of flight and create your own basket of experiences. Please review the information below and don't hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

When once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return.

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Requirements

The Essay

The essay is judged on content but please do make your best effort with grammar and spelling. Use a separate sheet of paper for your essay, please type and do not exceed the specified word limit.

Topic: Where did your interest in aviation originate? Are there any individuals, events, or life experiences that have led you in this direction? What are your goals in aviation? How do you plan to use this scholarship to reach your goals? How do you plan to finance the flight training that this scholarship does not cover? (Maximum 500 words).

Optional: How did you hear about the Fred Kacena Flight Training Scholarship? (Please circle)

EAA240 Website Other Website Newspaper Extracurricular Activity (please specify)
Word of Mouth Flight Camp Other _____



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General Information

Please read and follow all instructions carefully. The application will be judged on merit, including scholastic achievement, leadership skills, and community involvement. The applicant's ability to express his/her passion for flight is integral to the evaluation process. Applications submitted incorrectly may result in delayed processing.

Flight training - All flight training will be conducted by the New Garden Flight Connection Flight School at the New Garden Flying Field in Toughkenamon, PA. For 2016, two scholarships at \$2,000 each will be awarded.

1. For consideration of the 2016 flight training scholarship, applications need to be returned by the last day of April. The Scholarship Committee will notify the selected scholarship recipients by late May.
2. Please mail completed applications to: EAA Chapter 240. Attn: The Fred Kacena Flight Training Scholarship P.O. Box 240 Toughkenamon, PA 19374
3. For powered flight or soaring, Applicants must be between the ages of 14 and 23 on the first day of June of the current year.
4. Applicants are required to be able to pass TSA screening regarding citizenship.
5. Applicants are required to read, write and speak English to FAA standards.
6. Scholarship recipients are required to begin flight training by October 30, of the award year.
7. Unused training funds remaining after 12 months of the award will be returned to EAA Chapter 240.
8. A scholarship recipient may be awarded the scholarship for a maximum of two years.
9. Scholarship recipients are required to sign a Release of Liability form before any flight training will commence.
10. There are three parts to this application: All parts can be filled out on screen and printed on a local printer, or they can be printed on a local printer for completion by typewriter. **THIS APPLICATION MAY NOT BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY.** Please mail the original completed application with accompanying documents, to The EAA Chapter 240 at the above address. If you would like to receive notification of receipt, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope when submitting your application. The notification of receipt will only verify we have received your application. It is your responsibility to make sure your application is complete.● PART ONE: Contact Information
 - PART TWO: Personal and educational information
 - PART THREE: One (1) essay question
11. All decisions made by The Scholarship Committee are final.
12. All materials will become the property of The Scholarship Committee and will not be returned.

By signing my initials below, I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to the instructions on the application.

X _____ (initials)

I hereby certify that all information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any information found to be false or misleading will result in my application being withdrawn from the selection process. By signing this document, I also give consent for The Fred Kacena Flight Training Scholarship Committee to verify any and all information, including contact information and / or school information.

Applicant's Signature

Date



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(Please Print or Type)

Contact Information

Name: _____ Preferred: _____
 First Middle Last

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: M F
 Month Day Year

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address (if different than above): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address _____

Home Telephone: (____) _____ Alternate Telephone: (____) _____

If applicant is under age 18, please complete the following:

Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent or Guardian Permission: I/We the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) of the applicant understand all of the criteria and intentions associated with this scholarship application and hereby give our consent for our minor child, _____, to compete in the Flight Training Scholarship process. I/We also understand that EAA Chapter 240 will bear no liability during the instructional phase of training should the applicant receive this scholarship.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Personal & Educational Profile

Are you currently enrolled in school? YES NO

If yes, name of school: _____

Highest grade completed (circle one):

High School: 9 10 11 12

College or Other Post-Secondary School: 1 2 3 4 GRAD

GPA: _____ Based upon what scale: _____

(Note: please attach some form of official documentation to verify your GPA, i.e. transcript, report card, etc. If your school is unable to provide your transcripts directly to you, please have them self to the address for the scholarship committee.)

Have you ever been charged with a crime? YES NO

(If YES, please attach an explanation and include the outcome of the charges.)

List your involvement in the following activities within the past several years: school clubs, sports teams, community service, volunteer activities, and/or work experience below. Use additional pages if necessary. If you have no extracurricular involvement, please give the name and telephone number of your guidance counselor or a faculty member who knows you well.

Activity	Length of Involvement	Position/Title/Role	Contact Name and Phone Number