

Fact Sheet: *The Ninety Nines, Inc.* ®

Type of Organization:	Nonprofit, charitable membership corporation registered in the State of Delaware, holding 501(c)(3) U.S. Tax Status. Governed by a nine-member elected board of directors.
Founded:	November 2, 1929 at Curtiss Field, Valley Stream, Long Island, New York by noted aviator Amelia Earhart and other early women pilots. Of the 117 licensed women pilots of the day, 99 became charter members of the organization and took the name from their number. The membership was international from the beginning and Earhart was elected the first president.
Membership:	More than 5,000 licensed women pilots from 36 countries. Membership includes Life Members, Emeritus Members, Ninety-Nines and Future Women Pilots.
Mission:	<i>Promote</i> world fellowship through flight. <i>Provide</i> networking and scholarship opportunities for women and aviation education in the community. <i>Preserve</i> the unique history of women in aviation.
Activities:	Each year, local chapters sponsor several hundred educational programs, including aerospace workshops for teachers, airport tours for school children, fear-of-flying clinics for airline passengers, and flight instructor revalidation seminars. For many years, 99s have co-sponsored more than 75 per cent of the FAA pilot safety programs in the United States. Members have worked with the National Intercollegiate Flying Association's student flying competitions since 1948 as judges, runners, and teachers, as well as with funding assistance. More recently, the 99s became sponsors for the Girl Scouts of America offering a merit badge for aviation.
Headquarters:	Opened the permanent headquarters building on the grounds of Will Rogers Airport in Oklahoma City, USA in 1975. A second, two-story building expanded the facility to twice its original size in 1988.
Scholarships:	Each year Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships are awarded to qualified members for fully funded advanced flight training, jet type ratings and technical training. Partial funding is awarded for academic scholarships per educational institution semesters. In addition, the AEMSF provides Research Scholarship Grants and New Pilot Awards. Aside from generous donations received from 99s chapters, sections and individual members, The United Parcel Service Foundation has graciously donated significant funds annually, as have 99s members and other individuals through their estate bequests. Maule Air Inc. has been providing ten hours of flight training in their tailwheel aircraft to one worthy 99 annually for the past few years. Since 1941 the AEMSF has awarded 470 scholarships, not including Research grants or New Pilot awards. Currently the AEMSF's investment account is valued at approximately \$4 million.
Endowment:	The Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund was established as a permanent investment income fund to provide financial support for The Ninety-Nines, Inc. Income from the fund is reinvested to build principal. When the principal reaches \$1 million, the income earned by the protected principal will be allocated for the perpetuation and advancement of Ninety-Nines activities. The principal, comprised of donations, will remain intact.
Museums:	Own and manage the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum in Atchison, Kansas. Since 1984, the organization has been fully restoring the 1850's Victorian structure to the era when Amelia lived there. The 99s Museum of Women Pilots in Oklahoma City dedicated in 1999. Located on the second floor of the organization's headquarters, the museum contains displays and artifacts focusing on the history of women in aviation. In addition, archives and other resources are maintained on site, as well as the largest collection of Amelia Earhart memorabilia.
Recognition:	Received recognition from numerous local, regional, national and international sources. In 1982, The 99s received the National Aviation Hall of Fame Spirit of Flight Award. The organization was inducted into the Oklahoma Air Space Museum Hall of Fame in 2001 and in 2002 was selected as the recipient of the Frank G. Brewer Trophy by the National Aeronautic Association. Recognized by Russia's Aviatrix Women's Club of Flying Specialties for active interaction support and cooperation in realization of joint projects.
Publications:	99 News is a bimonthly magazine (non-member subscriptions \$20). Annual Membership Directory published for member use only. Headquarters Dispatch is a monthly newsletter published for member use only. Several historical volumes about the organization.
Internet:	www.ninety-nines.org is the official website for The 99s. The 99s Email Network, Flight Training Forum and Pro 99s Network offer members throughout the world the opportunity to communicate via the internet. The Members Only Area offers an online directory updated regularly as well as other valuable information.