

Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Judges 1949 - Present

We are honored that these noted professionals in aviation and aerospace dedicate their time to carefully selecting our winners from among many deserving applicants:

2011

Trish Beckman, retired Navy Commander

Janice Elrod, retired FAA

Ed McCracken, former Hewlett Packard CEO and former Silicon Graphics CEO

2010

Deborah Douglas, curator for the MIT museum and author of the Smithsonian's Women In Aviation series

Amy Laboda, former Flying Magazine editor and Editor of Aviation for Women among other publications.

Judy Tarver, former head of pilot hiring for AA and now VP of FltOps.com

2009

Dorothy Cochrane, a private pilot, a curator in the Aeronautics Department of the National Air and Space Museum, consultant and author.

Jim Schier, Systems Engineering Manager for NASA's Space Communications and Navigation program

John Tippets, MBA, 42-year career with American Airlines in management positions, member of numerous boards, author of "Hearts of Courage".

2008

Lewis Schiff, PhD, PhD in Aeronautics & Astronautics from Stanford University, pilot and aerodynamicist researcher.

John Casey, Pilot for United Parcel Service

Gaylan B. Crumley, Former US Air Force Commander (Flight, Squadron & Operations Group), pilot, currently flight instructor and examiner with Flight Safety International in Delaware

2007

Lt. Gen. Brian Arnold, U.S. Air Force (Ret.); Commander, Space & Missile Systems Center; Vice Pres. & General Mgr., Air Force Space Command - Strategic Systems, Raytheon Space & Airborne Systems

Wayne Rostad, Host, "On The Road Again" travel show on Canadian television; Pilot, Musician & Entertainer

Lane E. Wallace, Aviation and Aerospace Author; Columnist, Flying Magazine; Motivational Speaker

2006

William Broadwater, Former Tuskegee Airman, WW II

William Readdy, Former Astronaut, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA); Owner/Partner, Discovery Partners International

Mary Anne Stevens, Balloonist; President, Aero Club of Canada, ICAO Representative to the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI)

2005

Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, Former wife of Britain's Prince Andrew; Helicopter and Fixed-Wing Pilot; Spokesperson, Author, & Public Speaker

Elizabeth Needham, Airbus A320 Captain, Air New Zealand; Owner, Ardmore Flying School, Auckland, New Zealand

Patrick Scotter, Boeing 747-400 Captain (Ret.), Air New Zealand; Operator, General Aviation Maintenance Facility; Aviation Assessor, Transport Accident Investigation Commission

2004

Caroline Gough-Cooper, Careers Advisor, British Women Pilots Association; Trustee, Amy Johnson Memorial Scholarship, England

Deborah McCoy, Senior Vice President - Flight Operations, Continental Airlines

Pierre Portmann, President, General Aviation Commission, Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI), Paris, France

2003

Colleen Barrett, President & COO, Southwest Airlines

Kevin Psutka, President, Canadian Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Ottawa, Ontario

Wolfgang Weinreich, President, Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI), Lausanne, Switzerland

2002

William Cox, Senior Editor & Writer, Plane & Pilot Magazine; Pilot & Aviation Speaker

Lt. Gen. Leslie F. Kenne, U.S. Air Force; Commander, Electronic Systems Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Hanscom

Hannah McCarthy, President, Daniel Webster College

2001

Commander Trish Beckman, U.S. Navy (Ret.), 3360 flight hours in 67 aircraft

Marta Bohn-Meyer, SR-71 Test Pilot, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Henry Holden, Aviation Historian and Author

2000

Major Lynette Lowrimore, U.S. Air Force

Sam Lyons, Aviation Artist; Creator of B-17 Mural at Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum

Dr. Dave Williams, Astronaut, Canadian Space Agency

1999

Captain Linda V. Hutton, Aviator, U.S. Navy

Alan Klapmeier, President, Cirrus Design

Rod Machado, Author, Flight Instructor, Lecturer

Hon. James L. Oberstar, U.S. Congressman from Minnesota

1998

Walter J. Boyne, Chairman, Wingspan, The Aviation Channel

Brig. Gen. Leslie F. Kenne, U.S. Air Force; Program Director, Joint Strike Fighter Program, Department of Defense

William K. Kershner, Author, Flight Instructor of the Year

Shelly R. Snyder, Director of Communications, General Aviation Manufacturers Association

1997

Mort Crim, Anchor, Channel 4 Television Detroit; Pilot, Radio Personality

Joseph B. Bidwell, Retired Executive Director, General Motors Research Lab

Julie Broderick, Vice President, AMR Combs; General Manager, FBO Santa Ana

Nadia Roberts, President, Flight Research, Inc.; Test Pilot

1996

Robert Anderson, President and CEO, AMR Combs

Brian Barents, President and CEO, Learjet Inc.

Linda Daschle, Deputy Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration

Brig. Gen. Wilma L. Vaught, President, Women in Military Service for America

1995

Marta Bohn-Meyer, SR-71 Test Pilot, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
Phil Boyer, President, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
John L. Kelley, Senior Vice President, United Parcel Service
Hannah McCarthy, President, Daniel Webster College

1994

Susan Coughlin, Vice Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)
David Hinson, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration
Maj. Gen. Jeanne M. Holm, U.S. Air Force (Ret.)
William H. Traub, Vice President – Flight Standards, United Airlines

1993

Joan W. Bauerlein, Director, Office of International Aviation, Federal Aviation Administration
Major Dee Brasseur, Canadian Airforce
Scott E. Miller, Aviation/Aerospace Consultant
Bryan Moss, President, Bombardier Inc.

1992

Robert Fuhrman, President, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA); Past Chairman, Lockheed Corporation
Marjorie Evans, Chairman, Universal Weather & Aviation
James Gormley, President, General Aviation Manufacturers Association
Captain Lynn Spruill, Delta Air Lines; Mayor of Addison, Texas

1991

James B. Busey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration
Tom Poberezny, President, Experimental Aircraft Association
Chuck Scarborough, Co-Anchor, NBC Television News 4, New York
Jeanne Simon, Wife of U.S. Congressman Paul Simon from Illinois

1990

Corman Cannon, Test Pilot, Bell Helicopter Textron
Hon. Dan Glickman, U.S. Congressman from Kansas
John M. Lounge, Astronaut, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
Alex Trebek, Host, Jeopardy television game show & other programs

1989

Leonard M. (Jack) Horner, President, Bell Helicopter Textron
Henry L. Newman, Representative, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association; Sharples Winner
Edward A. Stinson III, Retired Professor
Hon. Barbara Vucanovich, U.S. Congresswoman from Nevada

1988

Donald O. Beck, Jet Pilot, Military Test Pilot, U.S. Air Force
Max E. Bleck, President and CEO, Beech Aircraft Corporation
Charlie R. Hillard, Aerobatic Champion
T. Allan McArtor, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration

1987

Duane Cole, Aerobatic Champion, Aviation Author
Hon. Jake Garn, U.S. Senator from Utah
Curtis M. Graves, Deputy Director for Civil Affairs, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
George R. Jansen, Aviation Consultant

1986

Richard Collins, Editor-in-Chief, Flying Magazine

Donald Engen, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration

Amoretta M. Hoeber, Deputy Undersecretary, U.S. Army

Col. Robin L. Jones, U.S. Air Force (Ret.); Asst. to Exec. Vice Pres., Beech Aircraft Corporation

1985

Martha W. Griffiths, Lt. Governor, State of Michigan

Paul Poberezny, President, Experimental Aircraft Association

Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets, Jr., U.S. Air Force (Ret.); President, Executive Jet Aviation, Inc.

John H. Winant, President, National Business Aircraft Association

1984

Russ Beach, President, Canadian Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association

Elizabeth Hanford Dole, Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation

Donald K. (Deke) Slayton, Astronaut, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA);
President, Space Service, Inc. of America

1983

Prof. Art Scholl, Aerobatic Pilot, Former Professor of Aeronautics

Edward W. Stimpson, President, General Aviation Manufacturers Association

1982

John L. Baker, President, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association

Hon. Nancy Landon Kassebaum, U.S. Senator from Kansas

1981

Hon. Margaret M. Heckler, U.S. Congresswoman from Massachusetts

1980

Leoti Deaton, Former Chief Staff Officer, Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP)

Glen L. Ryland, President, Frontier Airlines

Stan Wood, President, The Colorado Aviation Historical Society

1979

Keith Ferris, Aviation Artist, Creator of B-17 Mural at Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum

George Haddaway, Publisher, Flight Magazine

1977

Hon. Lindy Boggs, U.S. Congresswoman from Louisiana

1976

Madame Anna Chennault, Vice President - International Affairs, The Flying Tiger Line

Royal Fry, Curator, Air Force Museum

1975

Captain William Dunkle, Sr. Vice President, United Airlines

Standley Mohler, M.D., Chief of Aeromedical Applications Division, Federal Aviation Administration

1971

Leighton Collins, Editor, Air Facts Magazine

Hon. Barry Goldwater, U.S. Senator from Arizona

1967

Frank Blair, Commentator, NBC Television

1966

Najeeb Halaby, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration

1963

Col. Elizabeth Ray, U.S. Air Force; Director, Women in the Air Force

1961

A. Scott Crossfield, Engineering Test Pilot of Supersonic Aircraft, North American Aviation

1960

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, WW I Flying Ace; President, Eastern Airlines

General James Stewart, U.S. Air Force (Ret.); Actor

1959

Dr. Wernher Von Braun, Scientist-Physicist

1958

Leighton Collins, Editor, Air Facts Magazine

Col. John Stapp, U.S. Air Force; Research Scientist in Biophysiology

1957

Dr. August Rasput, Research Scientist in Aerophysics

1956

William T. Piper, President, Piper Aircraft

1954

Beverly (Bevo) Howard, Race and Stunt Pilot

1953

Olive Ann Beech, President, Beech Aircraft Corporation

General James A. Doolittle, U.S. Air Force (Ret.)

1952

Gill Rob Wilson, Editor and Publisher, Flying Magazine

1950

William B. Stout, Designer of the Ford Tri-Motor

1949

General Carl Spatz, U.S. Air Force