

**SOUTHEAST CHAPTER
of the
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF AIRPORT EXECUTIVES**

**SOUTHEASTERN AIRPORT MANAGERS'
ASSOCIATION**

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD POLICY

Pursuant to a motion presented at the Southeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives (SEC-AAAE) Board of Directors' Meeting held on September 6, 2008, the following policy was unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors for consideration and approval by the general membership of the Association. The Policy was revised by the Board of Directors on May 3, 2009 and ratified by the General Membership on May 4, 2009.

The SEC-AAAE Board of Directors has established the following selection criteria as it relates to the method of award of scholarships funded through the SAMA Educational Foundation, Inc.

I. The following colleges and universities are currently classified by the SEC-AAAE Board of Directors as SAMA Educational Foundation, Inc. designated regional partner educational institutions for the Southeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives:

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| i. Auburn University | Alabama |
| ii. Delta State University | Mississippi |
| iii. Eastern Kentucky University | Kentucky |
| iv. Fairmont State College | West Virginia |
| v. Florida Institute of Technology | Florida |
| vi. Middle Georgia College | Georgia |
| vii. Hampton University | Virginia |
| viii. Louisiana Tech University | Louisiana |
| ix. Middle Tennessee State University | Tennessee |
| x. Unnamed – to be determined | North Carolina |
| xi. Unnamed – to be determined | South Carolina |
| xii. Unnamed – to be determined | Arkansas |

The Southeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives will utilize the services of a qualified scholarship program administrator to manage the Chapter's scholarship program.

II. Student applicants must meet the following minimum criteria in order to be considered for a scholarship award:

- i. The applicant must be classified as a full time student pursuing a four-year degree in an accredited aviation management program at the respective designated partner educational institution at the time of award.**
- ii. The applicant must be designated as a Junior or above as measured by credit hours passed at the time of award.**
- iii. The applicant must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in their major subject field of aviation.**
- iv. The applicant must have a strong career interest in aviation, preferably airport management.**
- v. The applicant must have a demonstrated financial need as determined by the scholarship program administrators.**
- vi. The applicant must be a United States Citizen.**

III. The following named “Memorial Scholarships” have been designated (see SAMA Educational Foundation, Inc., Funding Policy Serial Number 01-007), subject to available funds, as mandatory scholarships to be awarded to students in pursuit of an aviation management degree at their corresponding designated partner educational colleges and universities.

- i. The Charles E. Hanst, Memorial Scholarship, dedicated to Auburn University.**
- ii. The William M. Fletcher, A.A.E. Memorial Scholarship, dedicated to Auburn University.**
- iii. The William J. Dumatrait, A.A.E., Memorial Scholarship, dedicated to Louisiana Tech University.**
- iv. The William S. Hamilton, A.A.E., Memorial Scholarship, dedicated to Eastern Kentucky University.**

The amount of each scholarship, which shall be set annually by the Board of Directors, may be calculated as the total of SAMA Educational Fund interest earnings for that year divided by the lesser of the scholarships listed above or the number of qualified

applicants from the institutions listed above up to a maximum of four and the amount set by the Board. If interest earnings are insufficient to fund scholarships, the Board, at its sole discretion and subject to availability of funds, may budget to supplement interest earnings to increase the number of scholarships and / or scholarship amount.

- IV. **Out of respect for the honorable service and laudable contributions of the individuals referenced above, and in consideration of any financial endowments related to the respective scholarships, applications for Memorial Scholarships received from students attending one of the corresponding colleges or universities shall be afforded priority in the determination of award of available scholarships over applicants from other designated regional partner education institutions, as long as the students attending the Memorial Scholarship institutions meet the minimum eligibility and application criteria as established herein.**
- V. **In the event there is more than one (or two, in the case of Auburn University) scholarship application received from qualified students attending one of the "Memorial Scholarship" educational institutions; or, in the event there are additional or unclaimed scholarships available for qualifying students attending another designated regional partner educational institution not classified as a "Memorial Scholarship" institution, hereby referred to as a "Wildcard Scholarship" institution, than the following criteria (in no particular order of importance) shall be considered by the Chapter's scholarship program administrators in awarding any such scholarship(s):**
- i. Grade Point Average (GPA)**
 - ii. Extra-curricular and/or volunteer activities**
 - iii. Work history**
 - iv. Written essay**
 - v. Financial need as determined by industry standards**
 - vi. Other criteria as deemed appropriate**
- VI. **In the event there are two or more student applicants which the scholarship administrator considers to be in equal standing for determination of award of a scholarship, and all other criteria described herein has been considered, a student majoring in an accredited aviation management program with an emphasis on airport management shall be awarded said scholarship over students majoring in other aviation curricula (e.g. aircraft maintenance, air carrier operations, professional pilot, air traffic control, etc.).**

VII. The SEC-AAAE shall strive to continue to pursue scholarship and educational opportunities to benefit Chapter members and students in pursuit of airport and aviation management degrees at designated regional partner educational institutions as resources permit.

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The Southeastern Airport Managers' Association Educational Foundation, Inc., Scholarship Award Policy complies with ARTICLE VII – POLICY DECISIONS, of the Amended and Restated Charter and Bylaws of the Southeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives adopted September 19, 1995, amended February 22, 2004 and again on May 22, 2006. This policy is subject to annual review and approval by a majority vote of the voting members present at the SEC-AAAE Annual Meeting.

Dated this 4th day of May 20098.

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