



## **AIRPORTS COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL-NORTH AMERICA FALL AND SPRING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ACI-NA COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE**

Airports Council International-North America (ACI-NA) is the largest of the five worldwide regions of Airports Council International (ACI), the authoritative voice of air carrier airports worldwide. ACI-NA airport members enplane 95% of all domestic and virtually all of the international airline passenger and air cargo traffic in North America.

The mission of ACI-NA is to advocate policies and provide services that strengthen the ability of air carrier airports to serve their passengers, customers, and communities. Airport Members of ACI-NA are the CEOs who operate airports and who determine policy direction for their respective organizations, while the vision of ACI-NA is to be recognized as the “authoritative voice” of air carrier airports.

### **COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE**

The Commissioners' Committee of ACI-NA is made up of members of the Boards, Commissions and Trustees of ACI-NA member airports. These officials set policy for and oversee the management of their airport organizations. The main mission of the Commissioners' Committee is to promote the discussion and formation of policy positions in the support of aviation, to provide training and educational opportunities for its members, and to assist in the adoption of legislative initiatives pertaining to aviation security, airport capacity, enhancing airport funding and/or such other legislative initiatives that support and enhance the operation of airport facilities in North America.

## **AIRPORTS COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL-NORTH AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP FUND HISTORY**

In October of 1993, the ACI-NA Commissioners established the Scholarship Fund to recognize students with high academic achievement who are working toward a career in airport management or airport operations. The scholarship program recognizes the importance of the highly specialized education necessary for an individual to receive to fill the extremely complex and multi-disciplined role of being a professional airport administrator or airport operator. To effectively run today's modern aviation facilities an airport manager or airport operator must have high levels of management, operational and accounting skills coupled with some aviation experience. The Commissioners' Committee Scholarship is designed to encourage and promote excellence in the educational areas necessary for effective airport management or operation. The winners of the Scholarship will be announced at the annual Commissioners Conference. The ACI-NA Commissioners' Committee has awarded over thirty scholarships totaling well in excess of \$100,000 to students since 1993.

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**SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

**Purpose:** The primary purpose of the Airports Council International-North America (ACI-NA) Commissioners Committee Scholarship is to provide a scholarship for academic achievement to students at an accredited educational institution who is working towards a degree and a career in airport management or airport administration.

**Scholarship:** Up to three scholarships per Fall and Spring Semesters may be awarded in amounts up to \$2,500 per recipient to an undergraduate and/or graduate student. Previous scholarship recipients may reapply for another annual scholarship.

**Scholarship Requirements:** The following requirements are necessary to be considered for the scholarship:

1. Applicants must be **officially enrolled** in an accredited college or university in either:
  - (a) an undergraduate program focused on airport management and/or airport operations, or
  - (b) a graduate program focused on research on airport management or airport operations.
2. Applicants must reside and attend school in the U.S. or Canada.
3. Applicants must possess and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 at the time of application.
4. Applicants must submit the following:
  - (a) Scholarship Application, Form 101-06
  - (b) An official school transcript
  - (c) Two recent letters of recommendation, with one from a former or current professor/instructor and the other letter from someone other than a professor/instructor that has knowledge of the student's leadership qualities.
  - (d) A **300-500 word personal statement** must accompany the application, with an emphasis on the applicant's interest in airport management or airport operations.
  - (e) A current **resume** (max two pages).
5. Applicants must agree that should they be selected to receive a scholarship, he/she will contact the Airports Council International-North America approximately one year after receiving the funds. The purpose of maintaining communication is to assist ACI-NA in tracking the career paths taken by recipients of the Commissioners' Scholarships.
6. *Applications must be complete (typing preferred) and postmarked for the Fall Scholarship by December 15<sup>th</sup> and for the Spring Scholarship by April 15<sup>th</sup> of each school year. Mail all application materials in an 8½ X 11 inch envelope; do **not** fold or staple materials.*

Scholarship Criteria: The selection process takes about three months and all applicants will receive notification by mail if they have been awarded the scholarship or not. The following criteria are used for evaluation of the ACI-NA Commissioners' Committee Scholarship: Applicants must

- Demonstrate academic excellence and leadership.
- Demonstrate economic need; this scholarship is NOT intended for flight related majors.
- Indicate what airport related classes or research they have completed or will undertake.
- Demonstrate how they will positively impact the airport industry.
- Send complete information; packages missing information will not be considered

