Henry Ogrodzinski Scholarship Program

Purpose: The purpose of the National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) Henry Ogrodzinski Scholarship program is to award a scholarship for academic achievement in aviation or aerospace. The annual scholarship was created in memory of Henry Ogrodzinski, who spent more than 17 years leading NASAO as its President/CEO and devoted his life to advocating for the aviation industry.

Eligibility: Applicant(s) must:

1. Be enrolled as an incoming junior or senior at an accredited educational institution related to the aviation or aerospace industry, and
2. Applicant must possess and maintain a minimum major GPA of 3.0 at the time of application and receipt of scholarship funds.

Scholarship Award: The program may award up to three (3) $1000 non-renewable scholarships that may be used for tuition, fees, books and/or supplies. The scholarship may not be used for room & board or travel expenses. The scholarship is a one-time award; however, recipients are encouraged to apply in future years.

Scholarship Requirements: Applicant(s) must submit the following to be considered for the scholarship by June 3, 2022:

1. Scholarship Application
2. School transcript (unofficial is acceptable)
3. A recent letter of recommendation: either one from a former or current professor/instructor or from someone other than a professor/instructor who has knowledge of the student’s leadership qualities.
4. 300-500 word personal statement with an emphasis on the aviation or aerospace industry and the applicant’s goals and dreams and how the applicant intends to use those skills learned in their future.

Application Procedure:

1. Applicant(s) must be certain that they meet the qualifications described above.
2. Applicant(s) must complete and sign the application, as well as obtain all of the items listed in the scholarship requirements.
3. Applicant(s) must email the complete packet to info@nasao.org or may mail it to:

NASAO
Henry Ogrodzinski Scholarship Program
1390 Chain Bridge Road, #A106
McLean, VA 22101
Please Note:

- NASAO reserves the right to change or discontinue this program without notice.
- Award recipients must notify NASAO of acceptance of the award upon notification or the award may be forfeited.
- Applicants are solely responsible for a completed and signed application, a letter of recommendation, and a current transcript or copy of their grades and must be received by NASAO no later than June 3, 2022.
- Questions regarding the program may be directed to NASAO by calling Tracy MacDonald at (202) 925-7340 or by email at tmacdonald@nasao.org.

Announcement and Distribution of Awards: Upon notification of status, recipients must notify NASAO of acceptance of the award immediately upon receipt of the award letter or the award may be forfeited. The checks will be made payable to the school the students attend and will be mailed to their home address. Scholarships may be held for a reasonable period of time in the case of an approved leave of absence, serious illness or injury that interrupts studies. Students must notify NASAO immediately should any of these or other unusual circumstances arise.

National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO)

The National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) was established during a conference held in Cleveland, Ohio, on September 1-2, 1931. At that time, 25 states had created aviation agencies, of which 16 immediately became charter members of NASAO: California, Connecticut, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. Today, NASAO represents the state government aviation agencies in the states, and Guam and Puerto Rico.

NASAO is one of the most senior aviation organizations in the United States, predating even the Federal Aviation Administration’s predecessor, the Civil Aeronautics Authority. The state’s first established NASAO to ensure uniformity of safety measures, to standardize airport regulations and develop a truly national air transportation system responsive to local, state, and regional needs. Since 1931, NASAO has been unique among aviation advocates. Unlike special interest groups, which speak for a single type of aeronautical activity or a narrow band of the rich spectrum of the American aviation community, NASAO represents the men and women, in state government aviation agencies, who serve the public interest. These highly skilled professionals are full partners with the federal government in the development and maintenance of the safest and most efficient aviation system in the world.