



## THE HENRY OGRODZINSKI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

**Purpose:** The purpose of the NASAO Henry Ogrodzinski Scholarship program is to award a scholarship for academic achievement in aviation or aerospace. The scholarship is offered to juniors or seniors at a college or university continuing their education in the aviation or aerospace industry.

**Eligibility:** The NASAO Henry Ogrodzinski Scholarship applicant must:

1. Be enrolled as a 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:** 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:** The following requirements are necessary to be considered for the scholarship:

3. Applicant(s) must submit the following:

- (a) Scholarship Application
- (b) School transcript (Unofficial is Acceptable)
- (c) A recent letter of recommendation: either one from a former or current professor/instructor or one from someone other than a professor/instructor who has knowledge of the student's leadership qualities.
- (d) 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 mail the complete packet to

**NASAO**  
**Henry Ogrodzinski Scholarship Program**  
**1420 New York Ave., NW, Fifth Floor**  
**Washington D.C. 20005**

**Please Note:**

1. NASAO reserves the right to change or discontinue this program without notice.
2. Award recipients must notify NASAO of acceptance of the award upon notification or the award may be forfeited.
3. 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 April 30, 2019.
4. Questions regarding the program may be directed to NASAO at [info@nasao.org](mailto:info@nasao.org).

**Announcement and Distribution of Awards:** All applicants will be notified of their status on or about June 30, 2019. Recipients must notify NASAO of acceptance of the award immediately upon receipt of the award letter or the award may be forfeited. Awards will be made mid-July. 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, twenty-five states had created aviation agencies, sixteen of which immediately became charter members of NASAO. They were: 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.

### **HENRY OGRODZINSKI**

Henry Ogrodzinski, spent more than seventeen years leading NASAO as its President and CEO and devoted his lifetime to the general aviation industry. Henry O, as he was referred to by the industry, passed away in January of 2013 after a long battle with cancer. Henry had been an advocate for aviation his entire professional life, starting at the General Motors' avionics division in Milwaukee and moving to senior policy positions at the Experimental Aircraft Association in Oshkosh, the General Aviation Manufacturers Association in Washington, D.C. and Gulfstream Aerospace in Savannah. In 1996, Henry joined the staff of the National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) as President and CEO. He served on the Board of Directors of the National Aeronautic Association, the Oversight Committee of the Airport Cooperative Research Program, the Board of Nominations of the National Aviation Hall of Fame and the Selection Committee for the annual award of the Collier Trophy for the "greatest achievement in aviation". Henry led the aviation industry with incredible passion towards and sincere concern for all friends, and aviation industry stakeholders.

## **COMMITTEES AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Committees and Board of Directors of NASAO is made up of officials from various state governments in their respective aviation departments. These officials ensure public investment to provide safe and efficient access to the national aviation system for all Americans, support the efficient use of emerging technologies to improve the national aviation system, as well as promote information exchange, emphasizing public awareness, understanding and education regarding the importance of the national aviation system. These committees also provide members a forum to address issues such as funding airport improvements and NextGen, land use, security, safety, operations, certification, federal and international affairs, communications and public relations.