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Amelia Earhart Fellowships

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General Information

The Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowships were established in 1938 in honor of Amelia Earhart, famed pilot and Zonta club member. The Fellowships are granted annually to women pursuing graduate Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace-related sciences and aerospace-related engineering.

The Fellowship

The Amelia Earhart Fellowships are awarded annually to women pursuing a Ph.D./doctoral degree in aerospace-related sciences and aerospace-related engineering. The Fellowship of **US\$10,000** may be used at any university or college offering accredited post-graduate courses and degrees. Students must be registered in a full-time Ph.D./doctoral program when funds are received in September and will not graduate before April 2014. Current fellows may apply to renew the Fellowship for a second year and will undergo the same application and evaluation procedures as first-time applicants.

Who is Eligible?

Women of any nationality pursuing a Ph.D./doctoral degree who demonstrate a superior academic record in the field of aerospace-related sciences and aerospace-related engineering are eligible. Students must be registered in a full-time Ph.D./doctoral program when funds are received in September and will not graduate before April 2014. Please note that post-doctoral research programs are not eligible for the Fellowship. Members and employees of Zonta International or the Zonta International Foundation are also not eligible to apply for the Fellowships.

What are the Requirements?

Applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

- ❑ Be registered in an accredited Ph.D./doctoral program in a qualifying area of science or engineering closely related to advanced studies in aerospace-related science or aerospace-related engineering. A letter of acceptance or verification of enrolment must be submitted with the application.
- ❑ Demonstrate a superior academic record at a recognized university or college with accredited courses in aerospace-related studies as verified by official transcripts and recommendations. In programs where graduate transcripts are not provided as a matter of institution policy, please provide a statement of that policy from the registrar or other school official. Please note that electronic transcripts will not be accepted.
- ❑ Provide evidence of a well-defined research program in aerospace-related science or aerospace-related engineering as described in the application essay (in general scientific terms), the academic documents and publications.
- ❑ Clearly demonstrate the relationship of the research to aerospace and furnish verification of research program through at least one of the reference letters required with the application [i.e. research supervisor or advisor must be one of the referees].
- ❑ Applicant must be registered in a full-time Ph.D./doctorate program when funds are received in September and will not graduate before April 2014.

How Do I Apply?

Complete an official application in English (may be printed or downloaded from the Zonta International website, www.zonta.org) and include:

- ❑ Biographical information (as requested on page 4 of the application)
- ❑ Plans for intended study
- ❑ List and include official transcripts of grades from all universities/colleges attended, including undergraduate institutions and degrees received
- ❑ List Scholarships, Fellowships and Honors received if any
- ❑ List previous publications if any
- ❑ Employment history
- ❑ Essay on academic program and professional goals - Applicant should describe, in general scientific terms, a well-defined research program for her Ph.D./doctoral studies.
- ❑ Three recommendations from professors (or supervisors); at least one of the recommendations must be from a research supervisor or advisor
- ❑ Use the provided recommendation waiver form if professor or supervisor is submitting recommendation via email
- ❑ Verification of Current Enrollment form from the university/college registrar
- ❑ All non-English documents must be translated in English
- ❑ Information other than official transcripts and recommendations must be limited to the space provided; attachments, articles, pamphlets, books, curriculum vitae or other publications are not requested and will not be considered
- ❑ If applicant is applying for a second fellowship, the applicant must submit a complete application. In describing your research program, identify what you have achieved in your studies since receipt of your first fellowship. Acknowledgment of Zonta International as the award donor is appreciated in publication of research done during or as a result of the award.

What is the Application Process?

The Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowship Committee reviews the applications and recommends recipients to the Zonta International Board of Directors. All applicants will be notified of their status by the end of April.

How may I use the Fellowship Funds?

1. The Fellowship may be used for tuition, books and fees, or living expenses (room, board or travel). The payment of US\$10,000 is made in September.
2. For domestic and foreign recipients studying in the United States, Fellowship funds used for tuition, books, fees, supplies or required equipment for the program of study are not considered taxable income. Withholding taxes may be required on funds used for living expenses or other non-qualified expenses, e.g. room, board or travel to conferences.
3. Recipients are not permitted to defer the Fellowship. Zonta International will consider a new application the following year, but no preferential consideration will be given to the second application.
4. Fellows may accept additional grants and scholarships from other sources.

Deadline

Applications are accepted by email and regular mail; however, **email submissions are preferred**. Applications submitted by email at programs@zonta.org must be signed and sent as a PDF. Recommendations submitted by regular mail must be confidential and enclosed in a sealed envelope signed by the referee. If the recommendations are being submitted via email by referees a recommendation waiver form must accompany each recommendation. The official transcripts and verification of enrollment can also be submitted by email as long as they are signed and sent as a PDF in color. If not able to scan in color please submit the official transcript and verification of enrollment via regular mail. The application and material listed above for 2013 Amelia Earhart Fellowships must be received or post-marked **by 15 November 2012** to be considered. Applications that are incomplete or late due to postal delays will not be considered. Please do not submit multiple copies.