2014 NAAA/BASF AGRICULTURAL AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

This scholarship program is made possible through an educational grant from BASF Corp.
The scholarship program is administered by the National Agricultural Aviation Association.

BASIC INFORMATION:

Purpose: To bring new pilots into Agricultural Aviation and help fund their training. Scholarship is to be used for flight training or ag-related coursework at a university, college, community college or other institution of higher learning.

Amount: The **NAAA Agricultural Aviation Scholarship Program** will award up to two (2) one-year scholarships to a deserving, qualified student(s) participating in one or more of the following programs:

1. **a certified flight training program**
2. **an NAAA Operator-sponsored flight-training apprentice program**
3. **an agriculture, agribusiness or ag vocation program** for a second-year or later student(s) enrolled at a U.S. 2-year or 4-year program of study at an accredited junior college, college or university.

The number of scholarships may vary from year to year. NAAA will award one $5,000 scholarship annually for the life of the program, and may award a second $2,500 scholarship. One award per applicant.

Eligibility: Paid employees of NAAA or BASF and immediate members of their families are not eligible.
Entrant must be sponsored by an NAAA Operator.
Prior NAAA Agricultural Aviation Scholarship winners are not eligible.

Sponsor: Each applicant must be sponsored by an NAAA Member Operator.
An Operator may sponsor only one applicant per year.

Application Process: Applicant should fill out ALL "applicant information," sign the form and give the application to the NAAA Operator Sponsor. The Sponsor will complete the sponsor form, add a letter of recommendation, and forward all required information via U.S. Mail, Fax or Email to:

NAAA Agricultural Aviation Scholarship
1440 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
Fax to (202) 546-5726 • Email to information@agaviation.org

Deadline: August 31, 2014

Application Checklist:

By August 31, 2014, please submit the following materials:

- Completed application
- One (1) letter of recommendation from the NAAA Operator sponsoring the applicant. *(Letter of recommendation may be submitted in a sealed envelope.)*
- Essay of 250 words or less explaining how you would use the NAAA/BASF Agricultural Aviation Scholarship to further your education and training.
- Current one-page résumé or list of activities detailing all agricultural and aviation experiences, education and training.
- Plus:

If scholarship proceeds are for flight training:

- Provide proof you are enrolled or have been accepted for enrollment in a certified flight training program (ag or otherwise).

If scholarship proceeds are for an Operator-sponsored apprentice program:

- Provide a brief but detailed explanation of the apprentice program.

If scholarship proceeds are for ag-related coursework at a college or university:

- Submit an official transcript from applicant's college, junior college or university. The Registrar's Office can mail your official transcript to NAAA or place it in a sealed envelope for you to mail with your application form. (GPA must be 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale at the time of application to be eligible for NAAA scholarship).
- Provide proof that you are seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree in an agricultural, agribusiness or an ag vocation field (transcript may suffice; consult your registrar or department office for more information).

All applications must be received or postmarked by **August 31** to be eligible for scholarship funds available for the following calendar year (January–December).

Selection Process:

All applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria: need, prior experience, likelihood of retention in the aerial application industry, strength of operator's recommendation letter, and strength of applicant/candidate's essay.

Applications will be reviewed and winners chosen during the Fall NAAA Board Meeting by the NAAA Membership Committee.

Winners will be notified by November 1. Winners will be publicly announced at the NAAA Annual Convention in December.

The decision of the NAAA Membership Committee is final.

Payment:

A tuition bill must be presented verifying enrollment of the applicant. If tuition has been paid in full, upon proof of such payment, NAAA will remit payment to the scholarship recipient. Otherwise, the scholarship will be paid directly to the appropriate school before the recipient's training/coursework begins or resumes. Any funds paid directly to the applicant as part of this award not used for approved higher education or apprenticeship expenses must be returned to NAAA. Paid receipts for tuition or higher education expenses must be provided. A signed statement from the Operator providing the apprenticeship will serve to verify those expenses. Scholarship recipients must provide proof of expenses to NAAA by June 1 of the year following the award. Apprenticeship payments used for living expenses may be taxable.

Revisions:

NAAA reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time.

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PART 1
APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name:_____

Address:_____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of University, College, Community College, Flight School or other flight training program:

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Address:_____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Enrollment Contact: _____

Course of Study:_____

Description: _____

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Length of Program: _____

I am (choose one):

____ Currently enrolled_____ Enrolled beginning: (date course begins) _____

I expect to complete this course of training or study by (month/year) _____

In 250 words or less, please explain why you want to pursue a career in agricultural aviation and how you would use NAAA's Agricultural Aviation Scholarship to further your education and training:

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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ **Date:**_____

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PART 2
SPONSOR (NAAA OPERATOR MEMBER):

Sponsor Name:_____

Company:_____

Address:_____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone:_____ Email _____

Relationship to employee (choose as many as appropriate):

___ Family Member

___ Employee (current or past)

___ Other, please explain: _____

If not a family member, how long have you known the applicant:_____

NAAA OPERATOR/SPONSOR'S SIGNATURE _____

Date:_____

Please attach a letter of recommendation for the attendee. Please comment on the applicant's agricultural or flying background as well as general character, focusing on why you believe the applicant will become a good ag pilot and what the applicant has to do to further his or her training and development.

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