



Future Florida Aviation Professionals Need Your Support

The aviation industry will be challenged to find professionals ready for the work place in the future. As a fellow aviation professional, I am writing to ask for your support of Florida's future aviation leaders by contributing a gift to the Florida Airports Council Education Foundation scholarship silent auction.

The Florida Airports Council Education Foundation is a not-for-profit professional organization serving the aviation community in Florida. Our vision is that the Foundation will be recognized statewide and nationally for its advancement of the airport/aviation profession through professional development programs, research, educational scholarships, internships and support of Florida Airports Councils student chapters.

The Foundation annually offers scholarships to students enrolled in Florida colleges and universities that are majoring in airport management, pilot training/flight technology, aviation sciences and related fields. Because of the ever-increasing cost of a college education, the FAC scholarship provides needed economic assistance that the student does not need to repay. Since its inception in 1990, the Education Foundation has awarded \$341,100 to 156 Florida students. The Foundation awarded \$26,000 in scholarships to six students last year.

Many of the recipients have graduated and have become successful in airport management or related fields at the local, state, and even federal levels. FAC scholarship recipients now manage their own airports, represent national organizations, and serve in the nation's military protecting the interests of the United States. Enclosed are a few real-life stories from former scholarship recipients.

Please consider helping by providing a donated gift to include in our Silent Auction, Live Auction, and/or Raffle Fundraiser, to be held at our Annual Conference in Miami Beach, FL on July 23-26, 2017

As an approved 501 C(3) organization, your contribution is tax deductible. Your generous donation will be acknowledged through signage displays of the article at the auction and in a PowerPoint presentation which will be shown during the conference. A few samples from previous year's auctions is attached for your information. No gift or contribution is too small.

If you can donate an item, please complete the enclosed form and send it along with the item as noted. We kindly ask that you forward the gift no later than Friday, July 14, 2017.

FAC Scholarship Program

The Florida Airports Council (FAC) is an association of over 100 publicly owned and operated airports and nearly 250 corporations that support the aviation industry in Florida. FAC provides industry input into decisions affecting airports through communications with local, state, and federal leaders.

Aviation is a vital part of Florida's economy and airports contribute over \$114.7 billion annually to the state's economy. Realizing the necessity to attract the best future aviation professionals to Florida, FAC established its Educational Foundation in 1990 to:

- Further the professionalism of FAC members so they may better perform their duties and responsibilities;
- Financially assist students pursuing degrees in aviation
- To assist in carrying out this mission, FAC established a Scholarship for students pursuing careers in airport management and other aviation careers. We are proud to report that since 1990, FAC has awarded \$296,000 to 142 students.

2016-2017 Scholarship Recipients

- Jamarick Burrel, Lynn University
- Juan Lopez, Florida Institute of Technology
- Shahieda Ramajan, Florida Institute of Technology
- Esteban Loera, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Marie Serret, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Lonnie Marts, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Gary Campbell, Everglades
- Maite Moscoso, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

For more information on the FAC Education Foundation contact:

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March 6, 2017

Dear Friends of the Florida Airports Council:

The Florida Airports Council Education Foundation is a Not-for-Profit professional organization serving the aviation community in Florida. The Foundation annually offers scholarships to students enrolled in Florida's colleges and universities that are majoring in airport management or related fields. Since its inception in 1990, the Education Foundation has awarded \$341,100 to 156 students. We are asking you to help us this year by participating in our Silent Auction, Live Auction, and/or Raffle Fundraiser, which will be held at our Annual Conference in Miami Beach, FL on July 23-26, 2017.

As an approved 501 C(3) organization, your contribution is tax deductible, as well. Your generous donation will be acknowledged through signage display of the article at the auction and in a PowerPoint presentation which will be shown at the luncheon on the final day of the conference. For your information, please see a few samples from previous year's auction. The Committee creates raffle packages with like items, no contribution is too small.

Because of the ever-increasing cost of a college education, scholarships can provide needed economic assistance that the student does not have to repay. While participating in the Silent Auction, Live Auction, and Raffle, this gives you the chance to donate or purchase many exciting items, it also gives you the opportunity to support a deserving student that will someday be the core of the aviation profession in Florida. For your interest, we have enclosed real-life stories from former scholarship recipients. You will learn that every scholarship made a positive impact on the individual's education, career and the aviation industry.

If you would be willing to donate an item, please complete the enclosed form and send it along with the item as directed on the form. The Fundraising Committee is kindly asking that all items be received by Friday, July 14, 2017. This will give the Committee time to create exciting raffle packages and prepare the conference PowerPoint presentation for this year's delegates.

On behalf of the FAC's Education Foundation, we would like to extend a warm welcome to any new 'Friends of the Foundation' and to say thank you to all returning friends. Each of you is responsible for helping make FAC's Education Foundation a success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allan J. Penksa'.

Alan Penksa, CEO
Gainesville Regional Airport
President, Education Foundation

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Leo Treggi'.

Leo Treggi, Airport Director
Winter Haven Municipal Airport
Chair, Education Committee

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Previous Scholarship Recipients



Derek Faulkner, Airport Planner – Planning & Environmental Compliance, Lee County Port Authority

"The FAC scholarship has had an incredible impact on both my career and my life. I can truly say that if it weren't for the FAC Education Foundation, I would not be where I am today. The FAC Education Foundation helped me immensely by providing financial support in the form of two scholarships. In addition, the Education Foundation has also provided me with the opportunity to meet and interact with some amazing airport directors and aviation professionals."



Jonathan D. Heckman, Analyst – Pricing & Revenue Management, United Airlines

"I feel very fortunate to be a recipient of the Florida Airports Council's support through the scholarship opportunities as they were invaluable in shaping my career opportunities, career path, and collegiate learning experience. The lessened financial burden allowed me to concentrate closer on learning, networking, and exploring airport and airline internships that extended the experience and perspective I constantly rely upon in my current position. The networking and FAC member guidance, as a result of this opportunity, helped me form my long-term career aspirations and better understand how I could align my passion with a career path that will help me achieve my goals. Ultimately without the FAC's support I would not be where I am today and am humbly grateful and thankful for the financial support, mentorship, and guidance I received."



Milton Alvira, Aviation Planner – AVCON, Inc.

"This scholarship inspired me to take a different direction and focus on becoming an aviation professional in Florida. The scholarship provided the monetary resources needed to continue my studies at the Florida Institute of Technology (FIT) and graduate with a B.S. in Aviation Management. This opportunity also allowed me to understand the important role FAC has in educating the aviation community in Florida. During the interview process for the scholarship opportunity, I was honored to meet top aviation professionals from across the state with a wide array of backgrounds and specialties. The connections I formed with these aviation professionals are connections that I still have today, and are what empowered and motivated me to learn more about Florida's airports and understand their importance to the State of Florida and the traveling public. I was inspired to help these airports in any way possible."



Sierra Gaenicke, Airport Planner – VHB

"Obtaining the FAC Scholarship contributed to an excellent education at FIT and provided me with the opportunity to attend the FAC Annual and Specialty Conference. Attending the FAC Conference afforded me the occasion to network and is where I met my present employer."



2017 Silent Auction Donation Form

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(as it should appear on written material)

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

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Did an FAC Committee Member contact you for this donation? _____ If yes, please give us their name _____ so we can acknowledge their support!

Donation Item

As a contribution to the Florida Airports Council Education Foundation, the undersigned agrees to donate the following:

Estimated value: _____

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Special Conditions/Restrictions: _____

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Mailing Instructions

Please email this completed form to Sierra Gaenicke at sgaenicke@vhb.com. Please mail all donations to:

Florida Airports Council
5902 Hoffner Ave. Suite 708
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ATTN: FAC Education Foundation

Thank you for your donation and support!

The Florida Airports Council Education Foundation is a 501(c)3, contributions are tax deductible, goods and services are not provided to you in exchange for your contribution. Items donated will be used for the 2017 Silent Auction.

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