

The Mid-Atlantic Section Award Application Information

Background

The Mid-Atlantic Section Award was established by the family of Shirley Chatfield and the Washington, D.C. Chapter in 1979. The original money for this award was donated by the Chatfield family because of Shirley's intense love of aviation: this was a very strong personal feeling with her and spilled over to touch all who knew her. Therefore, the Section wants this award to be a personal award.

There are those of us in 99s who fly for the love of it, perhaps it is the late-in-life culmination of a long-suppressed desire or perhaps we were introduced to it by a friend and found that flying touched something deep within our being. For whatever the reason, flying can serve a need within an individual, as well as for a community at large. With this award, we would like to be able to respond to a personal need within ourselves. This is our philosophy in establishing the award. Generally, aviation-type awards are given to those who have high visibility in the community, e.g., flight instructors or perhaps charter pilots. We don't mean to say that it should not be awarded for high-visibility type usage, rather that deep personal needs also should be recognized.

It is our hope that those who receive this award will continue to be active in the 99's into the future.

Who is eligible?

Any member of the Mid-Atlantic Section of the 99s is eligible.

What can the funds be used for?

There are no restrictions on how the money can be used. It does not have to be used for flying.

How much is the award?

The award amount is determined each year by the Mid-Atlantic Section Board of Directors. Past awards have been in the \$500 range.

Deadline for application

Application must be postmarked no later than July 1.

How do I apply?

There is no application form. Simply write a one page letter saying how flying has touched your life and how you intend to use the funds. At the bottom of the letter include your contact information, i.e. name, address, phone, and email. Mail the letter to the Mid-Atlantic Section Governor no later than July 1. Mail the letter to the Mid-Atlantic Section Governor. The governor's name and email address can be found on the section web site at <http://www.mid-atlantic99s.org/>.

What is the selection criteria?

The letters will be anonymously judged by a selection committee consisting of three 99s, each from a different chapter in the Mid-Atlantic Section.

Judging will be based on sincerity, intended use of funds and how flying is reflected in your life,. Preference is given for active participation in 99s, flying that touches others in your life, and for aviation-related use of funds.

How do I know if I won?

The Award Committee will announce the selection within a timely manner. Applicants will be notified and the results communicated in the Section newsletter and to the Chapter Chairmen. The award is given at the Mid-Atlantic Section Annual Meeting in the fall.

What do I have to do if I win?

The award is to be used within six months of receipt of the funds. You shall provide a written statement/report to the Section Governor detailing how the funds were used. Next year, you are asked to serve on the Mid-Atlantic Section Award Selection Committee to pick next year's recipient.