

IFF Memorial Fund Scholarship History

When the son of a prominent IFF member died in an aircraft accident during the early 1970's, many memorial donations were received at the IFF office. The IFF Past Presidents as a group decided that a separate not for profit organization should be established to benefit lineal descendants of IFF members with college completion scholarships.

The organization was established as an IRS 501 (c)(3) charitable organization and would be administered by IFF Past Presidents. The organization would be known as the IFF Memorial Scholarship Fund. IFF Past President Tex Anderson was elected from the Past Presidents group to become president of the new organization. Tex led the IFF Memorial Scholarship Fund for many years until his death. IFF Past President Sheldon Kongable then succeeded Tex for several years. It should be noted that Tex performed a remarkable service to the new organization, shepherding it through its formative years and into a time when the Fund could provide scholarship awards on an annual basis.

In strict accordance with requirements of IRS 501 (c)(3) organizations, should the IFF Memorial Scholarship Fund cease to exist for any reason, whatever remaining funds of that organization must be transferred to another eligible IRS 501 (c)(3) entity.

The IFF Memorial Scholarship Fund accepts memorial donations from IFF members and friends to advance the funding of an annual scholarship award to be selected by a disinterested third party from among eligible applicants.

For many years King Radio Corporation provided an annual college completion scholarship and King handled the selection process for their recipient. The IFF Memorial Scholarship Fund, therefore decided to have its scholarship be awarded to the runner up candidate for the King scholarship. When King discontinued its scholarship program, the IFF Memorial Scholarship Fund sought out and obtained the services of a professional person to make its selection. The professional who provides this service has no connection to an IFF member, his/her family or any member of the IFF staff.

A bronze Memorial Plaque is installed in the Mid-America Air Museum, located in Liberal, KS, as part of the Aviation in American Agriculture Exhibit. Since 2009 individual memorial nameplates have been added to this plaque whenever total donations to the IFF Memorial Scholarship Fund are made in memory of a particular IFF member and equal or exceed \$150.

Application Form & Eligibility Scholarship Contributions

- Once contributions in memory of a deceased IFF member totals or exceeds \$150, an engraved nameplate will be added to the plaque. These plaques will now be in the IFF display at the museum in Liberal, KS.

- All contributions are fully deductible for IRS tax purposes since the IFF Memorial Scholarship Fund is a 501 (c) (3) charitable institution
They should be sent to the IFF Past Presidents, c/o Zelda Lewis, Sec./Treasurer, 21527 Larch Drive, Plainfield, IL 60544-6345

Operation of the IFF Memorial Scholarship Fund

Scholarship Award Amount:

\$1000/semester or a total of \$4,000 maximum per awardee.

Scholarship Eligibility:

Any unmarried student is eligible to compete for this scholarship award provided he/she is enrolled in his/her sophomore year, is recommended by and related to a member of the International Flying Farmers.

Scholarship Application Requirements:

- Each applicant must fully complete the scholarship application form.
- Provide a transcript of all college credits earned to date of application.
- Include a recent picture of the applicant.
- Each application must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from a member of the International Flying Farmers. This letter should include (but not be limited to):
 - a. The name and address of the sponsor and his or her relationship to the applicant.
 - b. A statement as to why he/she believes the applicant to be deserving of the award

Each application must be signed by both the applicant and his/her sponsor and submitted by March 31st of the year for which the scholarship award is requested.

Applications must be mailed to: IFF Memorial Scholarship Fund
c/o Jamie Sossaman
19105 E Ocotillo Rd
Queen Creek, AZ 85142

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