

# ARCHIE C. TOWLE AVIATION ENDOWMENT FUND



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## A BRIEF HISTORY

Archie C. Towle was born in Merrill, Wisconsin in 1900. He served in the Army as a truck mechanic during World War I. After returning from the war in 1920, he came to Wausau and continued to be a mechanic.

His interest then turned to aviation and he soloed on May 16, 1929, thus beginning a Towle family tradition. One summer early in his flying career, Archie taught his wife, Margaret, and their daughter, Marie, then a mere 16 years of age, to fly. Since that time, seventeen of his descendants have learned to fly, most taking their solo flight on or near their 16th birthday.



*Archie C. Towle is pictured in a 1938 photo at the age of 38 in an American Legion plane.*

Archie Towle was instrumental in the early development of Wausau's Alexander Municipal Airport, which later became known as the Wausau Downtown Airport. As a flight instructor, he logged over 3,000 flying hours. When he passed away in 1945, his daughter, Marie, and her husband took over management of the airport until 1970. Archie and Marie were both inducted into the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame in October of 2003.

The Archie C. Towle Aviation Endowment Fund was formed in 1998 within the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin to provide scholarships for aviation students to receive flight or maintenance training. Initial funding was made in honor of Archie's oldest son, Larry P. Towle. The fund continues to be supported by the Towle family and those organizations interested in supporting the purpose for which this scholarship was created. Additional contributions are welcome.

## PURPOSE OF THE FUND

The Archie C. Towle Aviation Endowment Fund was established to honor the memory of Archie C. Towle while continuing to promote the advancement of aviation as a career. The fund annually awards scholarships to students living within a 50 mile radius of the Wausau area who demonstrate financial need, ability, and a desire to pursue a career in the field of aviation.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Students are encouraged to apply through the Community Foundation's online application site at [www.grantinterface.com/cfoncwscholarships/Common/LogOn.aspx](http://www.grantinterface.com/cfoncwscholarships/Common/LogOn.aspx). Completed applications must be submitted by **March 31** to be considered by the Selection Committee. Information will be held in the confidence of the Selection Committee, the Community Foundation's board of directors, and its staff.

## **In addition to answering the questions on the application, you will be asked to include:**

- Transcript of grades
- List of extracurricular activities and community service (downloadable form online)
- Two reference letters

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Candidates for this scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- Resident living within a 50 mile radius of the greater Wausau area
- Able to demonstrate ability and a strong desire to pursue a career in aviation
- The recipient must be able to pass at least a 2<sup>nd</sup> class FAA medical examination for flight training. No exam is necessary for maintenance training.

## **AVIATION CAREERS INCLUDE (BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO)**

- Airline Pilot
- Aircraft Mechanic
- Air Traffic Controller
- Aerospace Engineer
- Astronaut
- Aeronautical Engineer
- Mechanical Engineer
- Flight Instructor
- Airport Manager
- Flight Surgeon
- Electronics Technician

## **SELECTION COMMITTEE**

A Selection Committee appointed by the Community Foundation will meet to review applications received by the deadline. All applicant information will be kept in strictest confidence and will not be discussed outside the committee. The Selection Committee shall include, but is not be limited to:

- Towle family representation
- Aviation community representation
- Representation from the Community Foundation

Selection is based solely on the experience and judgment of Selection Committee members. Members of the immediate family of any Selection Committee member shall be eligible to apply with the provision that the related member not serve on the committee during the year in which the application is considered.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT AND PAYMENT**

All applicants will be notified of the status of their application following the Selection Committee's meeting. The recipient/s will receive a congratulatory letter from the Community Foundation instructing them on how to receive their scholarship funding.

Scholarship funds will generally be paid by the Community Foundation directly to the institution where instruction is to occur upon receipt of proof of services (such as flight hours logged or proof of registration in an aviation-related educational program). The scholarship must be requested within one year of notification of receipt of the award, unless other arrangements are agreed upon.

For more information, you can contact the Community Foundation office:

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