



September 14, 2020

On behalf of the Tony Jannus Distinguished Aviation Society I would like to invite you and your students to participate in the 2020 Tony Jannus Scholars Awards Program.

The purpose of this contest is to perpetuate the legacy of the world's first scheduled commercial airline flight, piloted by pioneer aviator Tony Jannus and to promote and provide financial support to students enrolled in college-level courses leading to a degree and possible future careers in commercial aviation.

Students who are selected as a "Tony Jannus Scholar" will receive a minimum cash prize of \$3,000. The Society plans to select at up to 6 winners. In addition, a supplemental award of \$3,000 will be provided to the highest scoring applicant in memory of past Tony Jannus President, Colonel Richard Y. Newton Jr., US Air Force. Normally, winning applicants are presented their award as part of the Society's Annual Awards Banquet. However, due to COVID 19, the Awards Banquet will not be held this year and awards will be sent to the students by mail.

**Eligibility:** In order to be eligible for consideration as a Tony Jannus Scholar, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be currently enrolled in an undergraduate program from an accredited college or university that has been included in the Tony Jannus Scholars program for this year,
- Have completed at least 30 credit hours with an overall GPA of at least 3.0 at the time of the application.
- Previous award recipients are not eligible to apply

Applicants must submit the following materials:

1. **Cover Letter** - A one-page cover letter providing the Applicant's personal contact information along with a personal statement requesting consideration to become a "Tony Jannus Scholar."
2. **Faculty Application** - Completion of the attached application by a faculty member for each student.
3. **Resume** - A resume of no more than 2 pages highlighting work experience, volunteer work, extracurricular activities, and any other general accomplishments.
4. **Essay** - A supporting essay of 500 to 800 words clearly outlining:
  - a. How and when the Applicant first became interested in aviation.
  - b. How aviation has already impacted life choices related to academic, service, and/or occupation decisions.
  - c. How Tony Jannus has affected the Applicant's existing thinking with respect to aviation as a potential career.
  - d. Any additional personal observations the Applicant considers relevant to the Committee's evaluation process.

Applicants must follow the directions above. Additional materials are not required and if provided, will not be considered. Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria: academic achievement; quality of essay; general accomplishments; demonstrated commitment to aviation, interview and subjective factors as deemed appropriate by the Awards Committee.

**Key dates:**

- **October 31, 2020 - Applications Due** - Completed applications must be submitted by email to [scholarawards@tonyjannus.com](mailto:scholarawards@tonyjannus.com) no later than Saturday October 31, 2020.
- **November, 5, 2020 – Shortlist for Video Conference Interviews** – applicants will be notified if they have been shortlisted for interviews.
- **November 13, 2020 - Video Conference Interviews** – top-ranked applicants will be interviewed by the Jannus Scholars Award Committee by video conference.
- **November 20, 2020** – Winners will be notified.
- **November 30, 2020** – Scholars Awards to be mailed to Winners.

We ask that you share this opportunity with your faculty and students by announcing this contest in class, emailing this letter and attachments and directing them to visit our website, [www.tonyjannus.com](http://www.tonyjannus.com) for more information about Tony Jannus, the Society and the Scholars Award Program.

If you have any questions please contact at me [scholarawards@tonyjannus.com](mailto:scholarawards@tonyjannus.com) or on cell at **813-523-6384**.

Thank you and we look forward to submissions from your students.

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