

## Sporty's Foundation Announces Four New \$5,000 Awards

*Deadline is February 29 to Submit Application for Sporty's Awards to AEA*

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. — Hal Shevers, founder and chairman of Sporty's, recently announced the Sporty's Foundation will sponsor four new recreational pilot training awards for individuals from AEA member shops. Each award, called the Sporty's Recreational Pilot Certificate for AEA Member Technicians, is worth \$5,000 and will be administered through the AEA Educational Foundation.

Mike Adamson, vice president of member programs and education for AEA, said the new awards are to be used by AEA member technicians to achieve their recreational pilot's certificate.

"The new awards not only encourage more people to fly, but they also benefit the technician, the shop and, ultimately, their customers because the AEA member technician will become a more effective troubleshooter with his or her expanded knowledge of the cockpit," Adamson said.

Sporty's has been a long-time supporter of the AEA Educational Foundation. Each year, Sporty's offers the Sporty's/Cincinnati Avionics Scholarship for \$2,000 through the AEA. In addition, during last year's AEA International Convention, Shevers announced the Sporty's Foundation's first bequest, a \$5,000 donation to the AEA Educational Foundation.

The deadline to submit an application for the Sporty's Recreational Pilot Certificate for AEA Member Technicians is Feb. 29, 2008. To download the Sporty's award application, visit [www.aea.net/scholarship](http://www.aea.net/scholarship).

This year, the AEA Educational Foundation also will award nearly 40 scholarships totaling more than \$100,000 for the 2008-2009 school year to students pursuing careers in the avionics or aircraft maintenance industries. Anyone interested in applying for any of the Foundation's scholarships can visit [www.aea.net/scholarship](http://www.aea.net/scholarship) for information about each scholarship and to download an application. The deadline for scholarship application submissions is Feb. 15, 2008.

Scholarships and the Sporty's awards will be presented in April during the 51st annual AEA International Convention & Trade Show in Washington, D.C. For more information, contact Mike Adamson at 816-373-6565 or [mikea@aea.net](mailto:mikea@aea.net).

### **AEA scholarships available for the 2008/2009 academic year are:**

- Leon Harris/Les Nichols Memorial Scholarship to Spartan College of Aeronautics & Technology - \$35,000
- Tom Taylor Memorial Scholarship to Spartan College of Aeronautics & Technology - \$35,000
- Thomas J. Slocum Memorial Scholarship to Redstone College - \$6,000 (3 awarded)
- Pacific Southwest Instruments/Lee Tarbox Memorial Scholarship - \$2,500
- L-3 Avionics Systems Scholarship - \$2,500
- Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association Scholarship - \$2,000
- Garmin International Scholarship - \$2,000
- Plane & Pilot Magazine/Garmin Scholarship - \$2,000
- Sporty's/Cincinnati Avionics Scholarship - \$2,000
- Duncan Aviation Scholarship - \$1,000
- Field Aviation Co. Inc Scholarship - \$1,000
- Honeywell Avionics Scholarship - \$1,000
- Mid-Continent Instrument Scholarship - \$1,000
- Rockwell Collins Scholarship - \$1,000
- Texas State Technical College Scholarship - \$1,000 (10 awarded)
- Southeast Aerospace, Inc. Scholarship - \$1,000
- Bud Glover Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000
- Chuck Peacock Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000
- David Arver Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000
- Don C. Hawkins Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000
- Dutch and Ginger Arver Scholarship - \$1,000
- Johnny Davis Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000
- Lowell Gaylor Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000
- Kei Takemoto Memorial Scholarship - \$500
- Gene Baker Memorial Scholarship - \$1,500
- Jim Cook Honorary Scholarship - \$1,500
- AEA Educational Foundation Pilot Training Scholarship from *Flying Magazine*, Garmin and David Clark Co. - \$2,500 (two awarded)

