Hiscock Memorial Scholarship

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On this, the anniversary of Dr. William A. Hiscock’s passing, the Montana Space Grant Consortium (MSGC) is pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for the Hiscock Memorial Scholarship. The award, $1,500 in value, will be awarded to the applicant who best embodies Bill’s passion for aerospace-related education.

Some background on Bill

Bill achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 1968, received a B.S. in physics from CalTech in 1973, and completed his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in physics at the University of Maryland. Bill came to Montana State University in 1984 and served as head of the physics department from 2003 until 2008.

As a young man, Bill was interested in hiking, rock climbing, biking and running. He was also interested in astronomy and physics from an early age. Only his eyesight kept him from pursuing his goal of becoming an astronaut. He was able to fly once he earned licenses for both gliders and private planes.

In 1991 Bill added a new dimension to his work at MSU by writing a successful grant proposal that started the Montana Space Grant Consortium. MSGC is designed to provide a variety of space-related opportunities to students throughout Montana in the hopes of jump-starting their careers in the aerospace field. Bill was instrumental in the National Space Grant Student Satellite Program, which allows students to design experiments that fly into space. Also, the high-altitude balloon program was dear to his heart; whenever possible he attended the balloon launches in person.

The Scholarship

The Hiscock Memorial Scholarship will be awarded each fall on a competitive basis to an undergraduate or graduate student who has previously or is currently participating in an MSGC program, has demonstrated a strong commitment to their educational goals, and proposes the most compelling use of the funds.

The Hiscock Memorial Scholarship is a supplemental award that can be used for travel, research supplies, tuition expenses, or other educational expenses.

This scholarship is made possible by generous contributions to the National Space Grant Hiscock Memorial Scholarship endowment fund.

ELIGIBILITY

- Enrolled full-time as a student at an MSGC member institution
- Past or current MSGC participant
- Interested in space-related science, technology or engineering

APPLICATIONS and QUESTIONS

Applications must include: your name, e-mail address, institution, education level, and a 2-3 page personal statement that includes what you propose to do with the Scholarship.

For additional information, contact the MSGC Office at msgc@montana.edu or call (406) 994-4223.

DEADLINE

Applications must be received by the MSGC Office (electronically at msgc@montana.edu, in person at 416 Cobleigh Hall, or by mail at 264 EPS Building, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT 59717), by September 24th, 2010. The award will be announced in October, 2010.