

## **NAR Teacher Grant and Student Scholarship & Prize Programs**

Since 1957, the National Association of Rocketry (NAR) has promoted the safe, educational use of model rocketry. Many of our members have pursued careers in aerospace, engineering or science because of their love of rocketry. Literally thousands of teachers and educators across the country use rocketry as a learning tool because of the direct relationship with different segments of education. The NAR has three programs to support both the educators who promote model rocketry in the classroom and the dedicated young people in the NAR who go on to higher education.

The **NAR Scholarship Program** awards members between the ages of 17 and 22 with one-time scholarships. Applicants must be current NAR members that are enrolled, or are accepted to attend, a college, university or technical school. Recommendations from two individuals are required; of whom one must be an educator. In addition, the applicant must submit an essay of 500 words or less explaining how model rocketry has contributed to their education. Annual review by the NAR Board of Trustees will determine the number and size of awards each year. These awards have typically been in the \$500 range, and several are given each year.

The **Robert L. Cannon Educational Program** recognizes educators who use rocketry as either a structured program during the school day or as an after-school activity. Mr. Cannon, who was education director at Estes Industries for many years, worked directly with teachers, schools and youth groups across the nation. He realized that a safe program of model rocketry would greatly enhance the learning opportunities of youth. His efforts have resulted in teachers using model rocketry in the classroom as a safe and fun learning experience.

Upon Mr. Cannon's death, Vern Estes created a fund to remember Mr. Cannon's contribution to the hobby. Started with private donations, an annual auction of rocketry collectors' items also contributes funds for this program. These are distributed in several \$500 grants each year.

Applications for the teacher and scholarship programs are available at the NAR website's educator resource page, <<http://nar.org/teacher.html>>.

The **Alway Prizes for Research** have recently been established by long-time NAR member and former NAR Trustee Robert Alway in memory of his late parents, Clayton D. and Ida M. Alway. These cash prizes are offered only to high-school age competitors who excel in Research and Development (R&D) project presentations at the National Model Rocket Championships (NARAM) to be held in August 2008 and 2009.

The NAR Research and Development Competition is an opportunity for members to present research or new developments in model rocketry. Well-done science fair projects can be very easily formatted to meet the requirements of this competition. The event includes scientific studies of model rockets, innovations in model rocketry, and research using model rocketry as a tool. Rules for the event are specified in the NAR Sporting Code, [available online](#) at the NAR Website.

The cash prize for first place prize is \$1,000. Second place is \$600, third is \$400, and fourth is \$200. As many as ten \$100 honorable mention prizes may be awarded to qualifying entries that the judges deem to be of excellent quality.

The cash prizes are offered only to NAR members who were 14-18 years old as of the beginning of the current contest year, July 1, 2007. Members must attend NARAM to present their reports in order to be eligible for the awards. Information on the [National Model Rocket Championships](#), [NARAM is also available online](#).

### **Applying for the Awards**

Information on all the awards can be obtained by visiting the NAR web page at [www.nar.org](http://www.nar.org). For more information on the grant and scholarship programs contact the NAR Treasurer, Stewart McNabb at, 209 Lee Rogers Road, Hubert, NC 28539, e-mail <[SMCNABB@ec.rr.com](mailto:SMCNABB@ec.rr.com)>.