

THE SWETMAN AVIATION EDUCATION FELLOWSHIP

Administered by RAAF Association (WA Division) Inc.

2019 INFORMATION SHEET

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND

The Swetman Aviation Education Fellowship Fund was established in 1994 by Flight Lieutenant Ronald Charles Swetman DFC, DFM, RAFVR (Retd) and is financed through the Ron Swetman Trust which is administered by the Australian Flying Corps and Royal Australian Air Force Association (WA Division) Incorporated. The object of the Fellowship is to foster aviation education and interest among youth in Western Australia.

2. FLIGHT LIEUTENANT RON SWETMAN, DFC, DFM

As part of Bomber Command in 1942, 97 Squadron RAF operated Avro Lancasters in a low level daylight attack on the MAN diesel engine works at Augsburg, and in the 1,000 bomber raids on Cologne, Essen and Bremen. In April 1943 the Squadron joined Bomber Command's Pathfinder Force as a "marker" squadron leading bomber groups to targets.

Ron Swetman served in 97 Squadron between September 1942 and December 1943 as a flight engineer. He completed 61 operations, the highest number in 97 Squadron during World War II. He was commissioned, promoted to Flight Lieutenant, and awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Distinguished Flying Medal.

After the war he maintained a passionate interest in aviation and generously encouraged young people with similar interests. In retirement he resided on RAAFA's Air Force Memorial Estate at Bull Creek where he died in 2001.

3. VALUE OF FELLOWSHIP

One (1) Fellowship in 2019, to the value of \$5,000, will be granted to a candidate chosen by the Fellowship Selection Panel.

4. INTENTION OF THE FELLOWSHIP

The Selection Panel shall be guided in its selection of Swetman Fellows by the intentions of the benefactor who envisaged that the award would be made for such purposes as:

- an individual undertaking flying training; or
- an individual attending an aviation event or facility for the purpose of his or her own professional development in the sphere of aviation education; or
- any other purpose which furthers an interest in aviation.

5. ELIGIBILITY

The applicant must be a student aged between 16-20 years and undergoing, or about to undergo, an approved Western Australian aviation studies education program, within the 2019 calendar year.

6. NOMINATIONS/APPLICATIONS

All nominations must be made on the official Nomination Form attached, with the Application Form completed and signed by the nominee and parent or guardian.

7. SELECTION PROCESS

Nominations for the Fellowship close **Friday 26 October 2018**. The initial assessment for interviews will take place shortly thereafter, and it is expected that the selection and presentation process would be complete in November 2018. The selection is at the absolute discretion of the Selection Panel appointed by the RAAFA.

8. ENQUIRIES

Any enquiries should be made directed to the Executive Assistant of RAAFA on (08) 9288 8400, between 9.00am and 4.00pm, Monday to Friday.

9. CONFIDENTIALITY

All information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Completed Nomination and Application Forms to be forwarded to:

“Confidential – The Swetman Aviation Education Fellowship”
Chief Executive Officer
Royal Australian Air Force Association (WA Div) Inc.
18 Bowman Street
SOUTH PERTH WA 6151

Or via email to enquiries@raafawa.org.au



2019 APPLICATION FORM

(TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE)

SURNAME: DATE OF BIRTH:.....

GIVEN NAMES:

ADDRESS:.....

..... POST CODE:.....

TELEPHONE:..... EMAIL:.....

SCHOOL:

CURRENT YEAR OF STUDY:

OUTLINE BENEFIT TO BE GAINED FROM THE FELLOWSHIP *(ie. what it would mean to you if you were successful):*

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OUTLINE INTERESTS/AMBITIONS RELATIVE TO AVIATION

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SPECIAL OR FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES RELEVANT TO APPLICATION *(eg. family composition, living arrangements or financial hardships. Any information supplied will remain strictly confidential):*

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND OTHER INTERESTS *(expand on any activities within school or the wider community that you feel contribute to your civic responsibility ie. extra school responsibilities, voluntary work, cadet training, sports activities):*

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OTHER AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS *(list any financial support you are seeking, or have been granted, to help defray the costs of your study):*

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NOMINEE’S SIGNATURE **DATE**

PARENT/GUARADIAN NAME:.....

ADDRESS:.....

..... POST CODE:

TELEPHONE:..... DATE:.....

PARENT/GUARADIAN SIGNATURE

Completed application forms (including nomination form) to be forwarded no later than **Friday 26 October 2018** to:

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Chief Executive Officer
Royal Australian Air Force Association (WA Div) Inc.
18 Bowman Street
SOUTH PERTH WA 6153
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2019 NOMINATION FORM

NOMINATOR'S NAME:

NOMINATOR'S POSITION:

SCHOOL: PHONE:.....

NOMINEE'S NAME:

(Please supply details to support your nomination of the above named, with particular emphasis on general character, attitude to educational achievement and benefits to be gained from the Fellowship)

GENERAL CHARACTER:

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ATTITUDE TO EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT PARTICULARLY RELATIVE TO AVIATION:

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PERCEIVED BENEFITS TO BE GAINED FROM FELLOWSHIP:

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SIGNATURE **DATE**

Completed application forms (including nomination form) to be forwarded no later than **26 October 2018** to:

"Confidential – McIntosh Memorial Scholarship Application"
Chief Executive Officer
Royal Australian Air Force Association (WA Div) Inc.
18 Bowman Street
SOUTH PERTH WA 6151
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