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Educating the Vertical Flight Leaders of Tomorrow

Since 1977, AHS has awarded more than 450 Vertical Flight Foundation scholarships to promising undergraduate and graduate students planning to pursue careers in vertical flight, thanks to the generosity of members like you.

As a rotorcraft aeromechanics engineer since 1964, and as a retiree from Bell Helicopter engineering after 31 years of service, I am proud to be a member of AHS International. My rotorcraft career could not have grown without the support of the Bell's Engineering and Flight Test teams, and surely could not have grown without the support of the rotorcraft community through AHS. Living in a comfortable retirement life, looking back, I feel I owe the community a debt of gratitude for all it has done for me. As time goes on, I am more and more convinced that I should consider some form of payback.

Reading recent *Vertiflites*, I noticed that several articles were on the VFF scholarship program and how it benefited the next generation of specialists who will take rotorcraft technology to the next level. I am inspired to see many successful stories of past VFF scholarship recipients, such as Dr. Bill Warmbrodt at NASA Ames and Dr. Al Brand at Bell, just to name a few.

My thoughts also go back to the 1997 AHS Forum 53, where a paper was presented by Mr. Frank Harris and Dr. Michael Scully. The paper was entitled "Helicopters Cost Too Much." The first sentence in the paper stated "The rotorcraft industry is pricing itself right out of the commercial transportation marketplace." This paper served as a wake-up call to me and should also



serve as a wake-up call to the entire rotorcraft community. As a rotorcraft engineer, cost awareness or the affordability of civil helicopters never registered in my mind.

As I am approaching my 80th birthday, I would commit myself to help the VFF scholarship and to inspire our young friends to be cost consciousness. To this end, I would pledge a lifetime of donations of \$6,000 annually to the VFF Scholarship fund — and I would like the applicants to show their cost awareness. My donation will be for 2017; a check will be sent this December and every December thereafter. The name of the scholarship could be called the "Dr. Jing Yen VFF Scholarship for Cost Awareness."

Please accept my pledge. I sincerely hope my action, a token of appreciation, will attract many more donors from the rotorcraft retirement community. Rotorcraft is a small professional community. We are a small professional family. Offering financial support and encouragement will benefit the next generation of specialist to take rotorcraft to the next level; and it is the right thing to do. I trust we all agree that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Dr. Jing G. Yen
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AHS Member Since 1968



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