



Aviation Career Development Opportunities Available

YELLOWKNIFE (17 April, 2007) - With the addition of two new sponsors, the Aviation Career Development Program can now award a total of \$60,000 to 12 northern resident students in 2007.

Discovery Air and Adlair Aviation have each contributed a \$5,000 bursary to the program. Matching funds from the Department of Transportation raised the total number of bursaries available to northern students pursuing aviation careers from eight to twelve this year.

Now in its seventh year, the program is co-sponsored by the Department of Transportation, Canadian North, Discovery Air and Adlair Aviation, with support from the Northern Air Transport Association, the umbrella organization for northern air carriers. The program has already awarded 48 bursaries worth a total of \$240,000.

Recipients are chosen on the basis of their scholastic history, career plan, an essay explaining their interest in a career in the aviation industry and letters of recommendation.

"The Aviation Career Development Program provides students with the resources they need to gain skills that are in high demand," said Transportation Minister Kevin Menicoche. "We welcome our new partners this year who are helping to provide even more opportunities for northern students."

May 31, 2007 is the deadline for students with an interest in the aviation industry to apply for a bursary for the upcoming academic year.

Applications and information on the program are available from Margaret Czyz in the Airports Division of the Department of Transportation in Yellowknife, (867) 873-7161, or on the department's website at www.dot.gov.nt.ca.

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