

## **RMCC Begins Major Campaign to Provide Aviation Maintenance Training Scholarship Opportunity**

RMCC has announced a unique, limited opportunity for persons considering a career in aviation maintenance. This spring an Aviation Technician Orientation Program (ATOP) will begin and 15 scholarships will be presented to the selected students to pay for the course work for aviation maintenance certificates of proficiency, provided they maintain requirements of the scholarship. The certificate of proficiency in Aviation I and II will lead to a technical certificate in aviation maintenance. Additional training for the technical certificate will include supervisor training as well as several other courses.

Application packets will become available by March 1 with a deadline to apply of March 19. The week of March 29 to April 2 the orientation course will be offered during the evenings with the 15 scholarship recipients being selected from those participating in the orientation course. The scholarships will be announced April 5.

On April 12 the scholarship recipients will begin course work for the Aviation Maintenance I Certificate of Proficiency. This certificate is made up of seven credit hours encompassing four classes. The courses include Introduction to Aviation Math and Physics, Introduction to Hand tools and Measuring Devices, Introduction to Aircraft Drawings, and Introduction to Aircraft Hardware. All classes are hands-on training taught at the Mena Airport and scheduled to be offered in the evenings which will allow students to work during the day if employed. It was noted that high school seniors could potentially be participants because the class schedule would allow them to attend high school during the day and would actually only overlap with their high school calendar for about a month.

Aviation II can be added to the Aviation I Certificate of Proficiency and is also a seven credit hour program. Courses include Introduction to Aircraft Servicing and Safety, Introduction to Materials, Processes, and Projects, and Introduction to Basic Electrical Systems.

RMCC is a member of Arkansas Aerospace Training Consortium. According to Dr. Steve Rook, RMCC VP for Academic Affairs, "We want to take full advantage of the Department of Labor, Community Based Job Training Grant through the consortium to provide valuable career training for our service area." Dr. Wayne Hatcher, RMCC President added, "Jobs in the aviation field are very good paying positions and can be found locally as well as many other parts of the state and nation. In addition, the skill sets learned in the training can be used in crossover areas such as machining, autos, boats, cycles, etc."

Complete details about RMCC's Aviation Maintenance opportunities are available at RMCC's admissions office or at the RMCC Aviation Training Facility located at the Mena Airport. Lee Chapman is RMCC's aviation maintenance instructor. Call 479-394-7622 or 479-394-1660 for complete details.