



**Lorenzo D. Grant Internship Program  
Application Packet**

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**Application Deadline: April 10, 2009**

## **Foreword on Lorenzo D. Grant**

### **By: William Marrison, MKAA President**

On December 7, 2004, our airport lost one of our staunchest supporters; a good-will ambassador to the aviation community; a faithful pilot who consistently made us aware of the issues facing modern day aviators; and a friend. Lorenzo D. Grant was a special person in the history of McGhee Tyson and Downtown Island Airports and we are happy to be helping to preserve his legacy by offering the Lorenzo D. Grant Internship Program.

The internship program is our way of continuing to emphasize the principles that were important to Mr. Grant – education and community involvement. By partnering with his fraternity, Beta Theta Boulé, Sigma Pi Phi, we are able to balance an aviation workplace environment with a community support system. Our goal is to work together as a community-based team to pass along Mr. Grant's passion for aviation through hands-on learning experiences and knowledge-building activities. We hope this program will help produce viable, enthusiastic professionals who work to move the aviation industry forward and who want to leave their own personal handprint on the growth of aviation.

### **Background On Lorenzo D. Grant**

Lorenzo Dour Grant was a kind, generous man whose life's ambitions centered around family, friends, community and aviation. By focusing upon those four values, he was able to make a difference in so many lives in East Tennessee. As a Knox County, Tennessee, educator, Mr. Grant touched the lives of thousands of area children. For 30 years he worked with his students by encouraging them, nurturing them and teaching them lessons in life. He retired from teaching in 1995 to spend more time with his family and to pursue hobbies such as restoring cars, photography and flying.

It was his love of flight that made him a perfect candidate to become a pioneer member of the Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority Board of Commissioners in 1978. During his time on the board, he served in an array of leadership positions; spearheaded committees; and served as the airport's representative at national aviation conferences. As Chair of the airport's General Aviation Committee, he utilized his experiences as a licensed pilot and aircraft owner to unite the airport and the area pilots on the evolving issues facing the private aircraft community. At the time of his death, Mr. Grant was the longest serving board member in the history of the airport.

Mr. Grant was a graduate of Knoxville College where he received a bachelor's degree in sociology and physical education. In addition, he attended the University of Tennessee studying Industrial Education.

His passion for aviation was passed along to his wife, Henrietta, who was appointed to fill Mr. Grant's board position in January 2005. She is continuing to build upon his legacy.

## **Welcome**

The mission of the Lorenzo D. Grant Internship Program is: To train student airport interns to become qualified employees in support of the aviation industry by providing expert knowledge and experience through the use of practical employment, supportive training programs, and a caring staff.

The internship is sponsored by the Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority (MKAA), which owns and operates the McGhee Tyson and Downtown Island Airports, and the Beta Theta Boulé Sigma Pi Phi fraternity. The 3-month full-time contract position consists of an on-the-job training program designed to meet the needs of both the intern and the Airport, fulfilling not only the scholastic obligations set forth by the college or university, but also by providing the Airport Authority with a valuable member of the workforce. Duties of the intern include aiding and assisting in the operation, development and maintenance of the airport grounds and facilities. Responsibilities include accurate and timely completion of assigned tasks concerning operations management in aviation.

## **Benefits of the program**

The Lorenzo D. Grant internship can be one of the most beneficial additions to a college education and career pursuit, offering several major benefits:

- Practical, hands-on experience - a necessity in today's job market.
- An understanding and appreciation of the internal workings of a busy airport.
- The opportunity to make many valuable contacts in the aviation industry.
- Potential for college credit during your internship.
- Great pay - \$10 per hour, up to 40 hours per week for 3 month period.
- Living arrangements provided by MKAA at no cost to intern.
- A laptop computer that will be donated to the intern at the successful completion of the internship program.
- A balanced workplace with a community support experience.

Experience is the single most valuable asset acquirable during an internship. Through participation in the Lorenzo D. Grant Internship Program, students become familiar with some of the following areas of airport operations:

- Emergency response coordination
- Government, tenant and public relations
- Dealing with inclement weather situations
- Airfield/ramp inspections, maintenance and construction procedures
- Airport land use, master planning and strategic plans for moving the airport forward in all areas of operation

**Minimum qualifications for acceptance  
into internship program**

- Junior or senior status in aviation management college program (graduate and international students welcome)
- Valid driver's license
- General knowledge of purpose and activities of airports
- Capability to fulfill the 40 hours/week stipulated in the internship contract
- Available for the maximum of three months
- Overall GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Ability to pass TSA Criminal History records check

**Our next internship will be available in Summer 2009.**

***Deadline for applications is April 10, 2009.***

If you would like more information on our internship program, please contact the Director of Public Relations at (865) 342-3014 or [bhuckaby@tys.org](mailto:bhuckaby@tys.org). You may also learn more about the internship by visiting our website at [www.flyknoxville.com/employment](http://www.flyknoxville.com/employment).

**LORENZO D. GRANT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

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**INTERNSHIP APPLICATION**

**Applicant**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**University:** \_\_\_\_\_

**To apply for Summer 2009 internship each applicant should submit each of the following items by April 10, 2009:**

- a. Letter expressing interest in the internship, why you are qualified and your expectations.
- b. Your resume.
- c. Sealed transcript sent to MKAA contact and address listed below from your school's Registrar or Records' office.
- d. A recommendation letter and contact information from the university's internship coordinator/faculty advisor.
- e. Any support materials that the applicant would like for the selection committee to consider that pertains specifically to the applicant's ability to perform the internship.
- f. A completed copy of this application form.

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Signature of Student Applicant

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Date