

## **ROBERT J. COLLIER TROPHY**

### **Origin of Award**

The National Aeronautic Association's Collier Trophy is named for Robert J. Collier. In addition to being an aviator, humanitarian, and sportsman, Mr. Collier was a prominent publisher whose family created the popular *Colliers Weekly*. Robert Collier commissioned the trophy in 1910 with the intent to encourage the American aviation community to strive for excellence and achievement in aeronautic development.

In recognizing the worth and future of aviation, Mr. Collier proclaimed the ideal that, "The flying machine should be unselfishly and rapidly developed to its ultimate potential for America's economic advancement." In support of his statement, Collier was the first person to purchase an airplane from the Wright brothers for personal use. Shortly thereafter, he loaned his aircraft to the U.S. Army for flight evaluations at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, which led to the first military orders for a flying machine. Robert J. Collier died in 1918 after completing his military service in World War I.

### **Nomination Format**

Please follow the following guidelines when submitting a nomination for NAA's Collier Trophy. Nominations that do not fall within the specifications listed below may not be considered during the selection process.

### **Criteria**

The Robert J. Collier Trophy is awarded annually, "For the greatest achievement in aeronautics or astronautics in America, with respect to improving the performance, efficiency, and safety of air or space vehicles, the value of which has been thoroughly demonstrated by actual use during the preceding year."

### **Nomination Format**

The nomination is to be typed on 8.5" by 11" white paper, single or double spaced. It is to contain the name of the person making the nomination, including address, telephone, fax number, and e-mail address, if available. The nominee(s) are to be fully identified, along with address, telephone, fax number, and e-mail address, if available. All nomination materials will become property of NAA.

### **Justification**

State concisely the specific achievement for which the nominee is being cited, with particular attention paid to how that achievement relates to the preceding year. Provide such background information as is considered pertinent, and any other relevant information that would assist the Selection Committee. The nomination must be limited to three typewritten pages.

### **Citation**

A citation of no more than 30 words which captures the essence of the achievement for which the nominee's name has been submitted is to be included. This citation may be placed on a separate piece of paper not included in the three-page limited justification.

### **Supplemental Materials**

Additional pages, videos, slides, pictures, or other audio visual materials will not be considered prior to the selection committee meeting. At the time of the meeting, those who submitted nominations will be allowed to make a brief presentation on behalf of their nominee. NAA shall be informed as to the method of presentation so that appropriate arrangements for audio visual equipment can be arranged.

### **Committee**

The Robert J. Collier Trophy Selection Committee is appointed annually by the President of the National Aeronautic Association. The names of the Selection Committee will not be released prior to the meeting.

### **Presentation**

The Robert J. Collier Trophy is presented annually by the President of the National Aeronautic Association at a black-tie dinner hosted by the National Aviation Club in Washington, DC.

**Deadline**

All nominations must be received at the NAA's office between **November 1 - January 31** (nominations received after the deadline will not be accepted). While fax transmissions are acceptable, every effort should be made to ensure the delivery of the nomination in the original format. Please mail your nomination to:

National Aeronautic Association  
Attn: Collier Nomination  
1815 N. Fort Myer Drive, Suite 500  
Arlington, VA 22209

