

AVIATION TAX CONSULTANTS FRED MCCARTER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Each year, EAA Aviation Foundation awards more than a million dollars in scholarships through different programs that support the next generation of aviation enthusiasts.

One of the newest scholarships is the Aviation Tax Consultants Fred McCarter Scholarship Fund. The scholarship was created by his business partner, Daniel Cheung, and Aviation Tax Consultants (ATC) to honor Fred McCarter's legacy after his passing in September 2022.

Fred was vivacious. He was a father, grandfather, business owner, coach, pilot, and much more.

"Fred was all about living life to its fullest," Fred's wife, Lisa McCarter, said. "A lot of people dream about doing things; Fred DID them."

He spent many years coaching his sons in youth sports and was a huge cheerleader to his daughter and grandchildren in everything they were involved in. His faith and family were the two most important things in his life.

"He recognized that he was blessed beyond measure," Lisa said. "He was someone you could always count on."

Fred was also an accountant who realized the need for specialized consulting for people who purchase general aviation aircraft. That's when he started ATC to fill the need. He enjoyed being a pilot and taking family and friends on adventures.

"We continue to try and honor his legacy at ATC by working hard, playing hard, dreaming big, and living life to its fullest," Lisa said.

The post-secondary scholarship was created to keep Fred's legacy going. It will be awarded for the first time in May 2024 to someone seeking a career in aviation, with a preference to someone going into a non-pilot career.