

ANNEX A.2m
FEDERATION AERONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE
NOMINATION FORM
CIAM AEROMODELLING SCHOLARSHIP

(for applicants up to the age of 21 in the year of nomination)

From NAC : Academy of Model Aero. Date : 15-Nov-2012
Address : 5161 E Memorial Dr. Country : USA
Muncie IN 47302
USA
(only one person from a country may be nominated annually by that candidate's National Airport Control)

Name of Nominee : RJ Gritter Date of birth: January 12, 1991

Address : 7800 Haw Meadows Drive
Kernersville, NC 27284

Scholastic Accomplishments and Educational Plans (please list & continue on a separate sheet if necessary):

Graduated with honors from the Early College High School at GTCC in Jamestown, NC

Currently attending North Carolina State University for Aerospace Engineering

- President and Safety Pilot of the Aerial Robotics Club
- Designing and developing multiple UAV platforms while in school

Aeromodelling Achievements up to the age of 21 (for example World or Continental Championships, National Championships, World Cups, Records, Technical Innovations. In the case of competitions, include the name, date, and location of each competition, the class and the position achieved) (please list & continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Internationally recognized aircraft designer in indoor precision and freestyle aerobatics

- Developed several top-level competition airplanes
- First thrust-vectorable variable-pitch-prop in the US

Please see attached sheet for competition records.

Personal Statement: What role did Aeromodelling play in your life and what are your aspirations for the Future? (One page to be written in the Nominee's own hand and attached to this form. If written in a language other than English, then please attach a typed translation as well as the hand-written original.)

NAC Signature: 

President or Secretary General of nominating FAI National Airport Control

(must be submitted to the FAI Office by November 15)

RJ Gritter Contest History - 2009 - 2012

2009 Memphis Classic F3P – 1st Place, F3P / 6
1st Place, Freestyle / 6

2009 E-fest F3P Stealth Contest – 7th Place / 15

2009 ETOC – 6th Place / 17
1st Place in 2 freestyles

2009 Futaba XFC – 9th Place / 18

2009 Hamilton Hawks IMAC – 3rd Place / 6, Intermediate Class
1st Place / 3, Freestyle

2009 District 2 Pattern Champs – 1st Place / 8, Sportsman Class

2009 KIEF F3P – 2nd Place / 8, F3P-A

2010 E-fest F3P Stealth Contest – 6th Place / 12

2010 ETOC – 3rd Place / 18
1st Place Prelims/Semis
Highest Raw Scores in both Freestyle and Pattern

2010 Futaba XFC – 5th Place / 18

2010 King50 – 2nd Place / 11

2010 KIEF F3P – 2nd Place / 10

2011 ETOC – April, Toledo, Ohio - 2nd Place / 18

2011 XFC – June, Muncie, Indiana - 7th Place / 18

2011 Mocksville IMAC Classic – 2nd Place / 3, Advanced Class

2011 Holiday Electric Fly – December, Geneva, Ohio
Mini-ETOC – 1st Place / 7
3D Contest – 2nd Place / 7

2012 ETOC – April, Toledo, Ohio - 3rd Place / 18

2012 Futaba XFC – June, Muncie, Indiana - 4th Place / 18

2012 iHobby Indoor Aircraft World Cup – October, Cleveland, Ohio - 1st Place / 5

Growing up in a family of pilots, my life has been centered around aviation. My father is an engineer and test pilot and my mother is a flight instructor. They taught me to fly at a young age and instilled a love of aviation. When I was very young, I built gliders out of cardboard and scrap foam. These advanced into radio controlled models as I grew older. At age 12, one of my mother's flight students gave me a model Flightstar and officially taught me to fly models. I've been hooked ever since.

After several years of sport flying, I became interested in competing in precision aerobatics. The seemingly impossible flight envelope of the indoor 3D airplanes amazed me and I vowed to fly in the US ETOC, the premier indoor contest in the country. I taught myself to fly precision, practiced every day, and was indeed invited to compete in 2007. I have since flown every ETOC and have risen to the top of the ranks, both as a pilot and aircraft designer.

These days, I am lucky to enjoy competing in many national and international precision aerobatic competitions, both indoor and outdoor, and the support of some of the best companies in the hobby. I enjoy developing new airplanes to both compete with and push the boundaries of what's possible with model aircraft. I am now a student at North Carolina State University where I am studying aerospace engineering. My modeling experience has put me far ahead of the curve in my classes and I have been able to be a valuable part of flight research activities at school. I've been involved with the design process of multiple UAV platforms here as well as flight evaluations of others. I hope to have a career in aircraft design and flight test when I finish school, and I know that my modelling experience will play a large roll in my future success.