



SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF

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T. A. WILSON

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**T**A. Wilson is chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Boeing Company, Seattle, Washington.

He was born in Sikeston, Missouri, February 8, 1921.

Wilson was graduated from Iowa State University in 1943 with a degree in aeronautical engineering. He joined Boeing in 1943, leaving briefly for a teaching assignment and advanced study at Iowa State and a year at California Institute of Technology where he earned an M.S. in aeronautical engineering in 1948.

The first Boeing airplane to bear a significant Wilson imprint was the dramatically new B-47 swept-wing bomber. He became overall project engineer of the B-52 program during the latter stages of its design and then led the proposal team which won the Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missile program for the company. He took over active-general management of that program and established Boeing as a leader in multi-contractor systems integration work of vast size and complexity.

Wilson was elected vice president in 1963 and in 1964 was placed in charge of operations and planning for corporate headquarters. Two years later, he was named executive vice-president and he became president in April 1968. The following year, he was elected chief executive officer as well. In September 1972, he was elected chairman of the board, retaining the function of chief executive officer.

Under his direction, the Boeing Company has been exceptionally successful in carrying out such military development and production programs as the U.S. Air Force Short Range Attack Missile,

the Air Launched Cruise Missile, the Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft (a 707 with a 30-foot radome on its back), the Airborne Command Post (a modified 747 loaded with electronics), and CH-47 and CH-46 helicopters for the Army and Navy. The company builds missile-firing hydrofoil boats for the Navy and passenger carrying hydrofoils (called Jetfoils) for commercial customers around the world.

Wilson has led Boeing to a position where they are a major participant in the space program. They build the Lunar Orbiter spacecraft which mapped the moon for the Apollo astronauts; the first stage of the Saturn 5 moon rockets which sent the astronauts on their way to the lunar surface, and the wire-wheeled moon buggy which carried them around after they landed. A Boeing-built spacecraft was the first to complete a two-planet mission (Venus and Mercury).

Boeings' computer services organization provides computing requirements for the company's commercial and military divisions, also sells its services to about 2,000 customers in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom.

Boeing Engineering and Construction Company is active in the energy and environmental fields. It has built solar power systems, wind turbines for the electrical generation, and under government contract is building gas centrifuge machines for nuclear fuel enrichment facilities.

In 1975 Wilson received the James Forrestal award from the National Security Industrial Association for leadership in promoting understanding and cooperation between industry and the College of Engineering at Iowa State University in recognition of outstanding achievements in engineering.

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In 1979 he received the Wright Brothers Trophy for “Significant public service of enduring value to aviation in the United States.”

Wilson is a member of the Corporation of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (where he was a Sloan Fellow in 1952) and is chairman of the Visiting Committee of the Sloan School. He is a member of the Board of Governors of Iowa State University and Aerospace Industries Association.

An Honorary Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Wilson is a member of the Trilateral Commission and The Business Council. He belongs to the Board of Directors of Seattle-First National Bank, U.S. Steel, PACCAR Inc., and Weyerhaeuser Company.

Wilson is married to Grace (Miller), a native of Seattle. They have three children.

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*Dear General Bellis:*

*It is indeed a pleasure for the Boeing Company to establish a Falcon Foundation scholarship in honor of T. A. Wilson. "T" has been an outstanding leader in the aerospace industry for many years. Throughout his professional life he has had a very special relationship with the U. S. Air Force and it is only fitting to have his name associated with helping young men and women to enter the USAF Academy and become future Air Force leaders.*

*Sincerely,*



*E. H. Boullioun  
Senior Vice President  
Commercial Airplanes  
The Boeing Company*



The Falcon Foundation is a 501(c)(3), non-profit foundation. Its purpose is to provide scholarships to College or Preparatory Schools for motivated young people seeking admission to USAFA and a career in the Air Force.

Although it is a separate organization, the Falcon Foundation works closely with USAFA.