

Huntsville Soaring Association

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Subject: Announcement of Huntsville Soaring Association's *Pilot Training Scholarships*

To whom it may concern,

Thanks to a contribution by the *Jessie F. Bennett Charitable Foundation*, Huntsville Soaring Association (HSA) is issuing a limited number of scholarships to “introduce young men and women to the world of aviation through flight training.” We intend to help worthy candidates achieve milestones in their effort towards an FAA Private Pilot's License – Glider rating, or subsequent glider pilot ratings (to include Commercial and Certified Flight Instructor). Individual candidate qualifications, their passion for aviation, and their personal situation will determine the scholarships awarded. The terms of the foundation's grant specify a 50/50 division of awards between males and females.

No prior flight experience is required for application for an award!

The awards will be on a 50% cost-sharing basis, and allocated as a credit to the awardee. The amount of the award will be determined by the HSA Board of Directors. The amount awarded will be nominally sufficient for the awardee to reach the next pilot milestone the awardee is attempting to achieve. Successful completion of milestones will be viewed favorably as a basis for additional awards for further milestones.

Examples of milestones that will be considered for awards include:

- 1) Flight training culminating in first “solo” flight.
- 2) Receive an endorsement for the Ground Instruction necessary to take the Private Pilots License - Glider FAA Written Exam.
- 3) Pass the FAA Written Exam.
- 4) Receive an endorsement for taking the Practical Flight Test from an FAA Designated Pilot Examiner
- 5) Pass the Practical Flight Test with your DPE and receive your PPL-G license
- 6) Commercial glider rating written & practical
- 7) CFI-G rating written & practical

Please note that for scholarship candidates with existing non-glider ratings, a scholarship award for the transition to a glider rating will be considered.

You must be able to meet FAA requirements for a pilots license, and fall within the physical limitations of the training aircraft. A minimum age of 14 years is required for consideration.

WHAT'S THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

FIRST:

Respond by email indicating your desire to apply:

To: cpdutch@yahoo.com, CC: huntsvillesoaringclub@gmail.com

In the email:

- 1) State your name, & contact information (address, a contact email & phone number)
- 2) State your age. If a minor, provide your parents/guardians names & contact information
- 3) State your sex
- 4) Affirm that you weigh more than 100 pounds and less than 242 pounds.
- 5) Affirm that your vision is, or is correctable to, at least 20/20.
- 6) Affirm that you have no known medical conditions that would preclude you from operating an aircraft.
- 7) Describe your anticipated availability this year for flight training on weekends and during the summer (if you are a student with summer break).
- 8) List any current pilot ratings or flying experience (none are required).
- 9) If any, list what your next flight training objective is (if you have never flown, we would suggest listing your first solo flight as an objective).
- 10) Write a 1-page essay with a paragraph about why you are interested in aviation, a paragraph about your aviation related interests/experience/hobbies, and a paragraph what you hope to achieve/experience from pursuing pilot training.

NEXT:

This step may be excepted by the HSA Board of Directors if you have prior small aircraft flight experience.

After receipt of a complete response, HSA will contact you to schedule, at your option, either an Experience Flight or a FAST flight. These flights will be discounted by 50%, and are to facilitate selection of awardee candidates. An Experience Flight is essentially a 20 to 30 minute orientation/pleasure ride, discounted to \$62.50. FAST Flight is an instructional flight, and includes 30 minutes of ground instruction, a 20 to 30 minute instructional flight, a Glider Pilot Log Book, a Glider Flying Handbook, and a three month trial Soaring Society of America membership. FAST Flights are discounted to \$100.

HSA has this step because we want to ensure that scholarship awardees are enthusiastic about completing their training. Not all aviation enthusiasts end up enjoying the experience of flying a light aircraft with a low wing-loading... this flight is to give you the opportunity to experience flight in the aircraft we hope you will be training in. Also, it gives us a chance to meet and get to know you in the context of flight operations.

LASTLY:

If everything has gone well to this point for the candidate, representatives from the HSA Board of Directors and our CFIs will schedule an in-person interview with the candidates and decide upon the awards within the granting foundations requirements and limitations.

HSA's goal is to have awards issued by May 10th.

Best Regards,

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