

WHERE TO APPLY

guide



2017 UK Pilot Scholarships, Sponsorships and Bursaries

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Scholarships, sponsorship and bursaries

All of the courses and opportunities listed in the FTN Where To Apply Guide offer some form of financial assistance to the aspiring pilot or aviation professional. However there are subtle differences between scholarships, sponsorships and bursaries which are worth expanding on.

Scholarships and Sponsorships

Cadet pilots awarded scholarships or sponsorships (or for that matter bursaries) aren't employed by the sponsoring individual or organisation while they train but they are financially assisted, with either a part or all of their training paid for.

The distinction between the two is often confused – indeed some schemes currently named as scholarships would be more accurately defined as sponsorships, and vice versa. For the purposes of this Where To Apply Guide a scholarship is a training grant provided by an individual or organisation (often an educational institution) that has no commercial vested interest,

while a sponsorship is more often provided by a person or company that wishes to employ the individual on completion of training or have them join the organisation in some capacity.

Bursaries

Bursaries can fall into either of the above categories, being granted by either employers or non-commercial enterprises. The key distinction between a bursary and a scholarship / sponsorship is that bursaries only provide a part of the funding required to complete a training course.

Additionally, bursaries are often awarded to assist a cadet with living costs while they train, rather than covering their direct training costs, and can be used in conjunction with scholarships and sponsorships.

Basis for Inclusion

The majority of the flying or experience opportunities listed in the Where To Apply Guide are offered on an entirely charitable basis, with no obligation on the part of those receiving an award to repay all or any of the training costs. On this basis, purely commercial arrangements (such as extended loans and other

payback schemes) are not listed in the Where To Apply Guide as they are very different to the awards which are intended mainly to introduce more people to flying, or to aid existing aviators to further their flying skills, knowledge and qualifications.

In particular, the awards listed in the Where To Apply Guide are almost all offered by organisations whose primary goals are to promote aviation at all levels, increase participation in the flying world, and provide assistance to those who might otherwise lack the resources to achieve a particular experience or qualification.

The Small Print

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	Fixed Wing Basic	Fixed Wing Advance	Helicopter	Gliding	Airports	Air Experience	
Aerobility	•					•	www.aerobility.com
Air Cadets	•			•		•	www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets/
Air League Flying Scholarship	•						www.airleague.co.uk
Air League Gliding Scholarship				•		•	www.airleague.co.uk
Air League Engineering Scholarship						•	www.airleague.co.uk
Air League Flying Bursary		•					www.airleague.co.uk
Bristol and Gloucester Gliding Club Scholarship				•			www.bggc.co.uk
British Aerobatic Association		•					www.aerobatics.org.uk
British Gliding Association				•		•	www.gliding.co.uk
British Women Pilots' Association	•	•				•	www.bwpa.co.uk
Caroline Trust				•			www.carolinetrust.org.uk
Cotswold Airport Aviation Scholarship	•		•			•	www.cotswoldairport.com
CTC Advance Flight Instructor Programme Scholarship		•					www.ctcaviation.com
De Havilland Educational Trust						•	www.dehavillandeducationaltrust.co.uk
Endeavour Fund Spitfire Scholarship		•					www.endeavourfund.co.uk
Fly2Help Aim High Scholarship						•	www.fly2help.org
Flying Aces Scholarship	•					•	www.taysideaviation.com
Flying for Freedom					•		www.flyingforfreedom.org
Flying Scholarship for Disabled People						•	www.fsfdp.org
Girls Venture Corps Air Cadets				•		•	www.gvac.org.uk
Harvard Flight Centres PPL Scholarship	•						www.harvardaviation.com
Heli Air Helicopter Pilot Scholarship			•				www.heliar.com
Helicentre Aviation Academy Professional Helicopter Scholarship			•				www.flyheli.co.uk
Helping Wings Jersey	•					•	www.helpingwingsjersey.org
HCAP PPL Scholarship	•						www.airpilots.org
HCAP Gliding Scholarship				•			www.airpilots.org
HCAP Instructor Certificate Scholarship		•					www.airpilots.org
HCAP/ETSP Jet Orientation Scholarship		•					www.airpilots.org
iFly					•	•	www.ifly-gb.com
LAA	•						www.lightaircraftassociation.co.uk
ManSat Scholarship						•	www.mansat.com
Mike Langley Foundation		•					www.kuraaviation.com
The Murray Scholarship	•						http://suitcasesvulturesandspies.yolasite.com/the-murray-flying-scholarship
Nick Davidson Memorial Flying Scholarship	•						www.bigginhillairport.com
Royal Aero Club Trust Flying Bursaries	•	•			•		www.royalaeroclubtrust.org
Royal Aero Club Trust Flight-Sim Bursaries						•	www.royalaeroclubtrust.org
Royal Aero Club Aeromodelling Bursaries						•	www.royalaeroclubtrust.org
Royal Aero Club Advance Bursaries		•		•	•		www.royalaeroclubtrust.org
Royal Aeronautical Society Centennial Scholarship						•	www.aerosociety.com
RAF Association Flying Scholarship	•						www.rafa.org.uk
RAF Charitable Trust JRPSS	•						www.jrfly.co.uk
Royal Navy Gliding Scholarship				•		•	www.fleetairmoa.org
Scouts Association				•		•	www.scouts.org.uk
Strathaven Young Persons Bursary 2017	•						www.strathavenairfield.co.uk
Take-Off Scholarship	•						www.take-off.org.uk
University Air Squadron	•					•	www.universityairsquadrons.com
Upward Bound Gliding Trust				•		•	www.ubt.org.uk
Vintage Aircraft Club Liz Inwood Scholarship		•				•	www.vintageaircraftclub.org.uk

Airline sponsored and mentored training schemes

Over the last few years, airlines have begun to demonstrate increasing involvement in the training of new pilots, as the long-predicted pilot shortage begins to bite (FTN predict a world-wide demand for around 750,000 new pilots over the next 20 years).

As the airlines becoming increasingly aware of potential (and sometimes actual) pilot shortages, they are starting to run more sponsored / mentored training programmes than have been seen for many years.

Sponsored training programmes provide full or partial funding assistance, although details vary and almost without exception, financial assistance is in the form of loans or loan guarantees rather than free training. In some cases, 'assistance' will be in the form of a conditional job offer to make a bank loan easier to obtain.

Mentored schemes infer a level of involvement and oversight from an airline in the progress of the pilot in training, although possibly without any form of financial assistance.

Both approaches have the key ingredient that many cadets are looking for however – a strong probability of employment on graduation, as the cadet should have been pre-selected by the airline ahead of commencing training and probably given a conditional offer of employment subject to them achieving the required standard during training. The exact details of each scheme vary and any applicant is strongly advised to check the offer closely and if necessary take independent legal and financial advice.

FTN have chosen not to include airline-sponsored / mentored training programmes in the Where To Apply Guide as these schemes tend to be open to applications for only a short period of time and are virtually impossible to forecast. Anyone wishing to enrol on these airline-sponsored / mentored training programmes is highly recommended to monitor the airline's recruitment websites and, of course, the latest developments as reported by Flight Training News.

Recent sponsored / mentored airline pilot training programmes have included those from:

- Aer Lingus
- British Airways
- BA CityFlyer
- CityJet
- EasyJet
- Flybe
- Virgin Atlantic



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Also see the website: www.airpilots.org





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Welcome to the 2017 edition of FTN's Where to Apply Guide - a detailed listing of pilot scholarships and bursaries on offer across the UK. This year there are more schemes than ever available at all levels of aviation, from future pilots taking their first

Aerobility



Aerobility gives terminally ill and disabled people the memories of a lifetime by offering as many trial lessons as possible every year. For flyers with disabilities who want to gain flying qualifications, training is offered at cost.

Using specially adapted aircraft, the registered charity (founded in 1993) gives disabled people the chance to fly an aeroplane and provides subsidised flying days for other charities. For some, that amazing first flight is enough to change their outlook on disability forever. Realising that the fantasy of flight is truly in their grasp, Aerobility pilots can decide to continue their training; many go all the way to securing a Private Pilot's Licence and beyond.

Aerobility is run largely by disabled aviators, for disabled people. Through various fundraising initiatives flight training can be given to disabled people at a fraction of the price. The charity's patrons include the Douglas Bader foundation, named after the famous World War Two fighter pilot who lost both his legs in a flying accident before WW2, but nevertheless went on to be one of the leading RAF aces.

Aerobility also provides advice, knowledge and advocacy for disabled people who wish to fly, and is the representative body for disabled aviation within the UK.

The latest news is that for 2017, Aerobility have teamed with Sky Demon to create a Disabled Flying Scholarship that will provide two people with 10-hours flying time to take them to first solo or beyond.

For more information about Aerobility visit: www.aerobility.com

Air Cadets



The Air Cadets are dedicated to giving every cadet the chance to fly. During their time as an active member, flights on civil airliners, RAF transports and other aircraft are all up for grabs.

steps on the aviation ladder to qualified pilots wishing to add further ratings and experience to their existing licence.

The awards on offer vary from aviation experience 'taster days' to full Pilot Licence and Ratings courses and there really are some fantastic scholarship and bursary offers available for a wide variety of flying disciplines.

This guide is not exclusive to the aviation

The RAF Air Cadets provides funding for exciting flying opportunities to its 40,000 members, from looping a Grob Tutor to going solo in a Viking glider. For many prospective pilots the Air Cadets is the first step towards a flying career with the armed forces or commercial airlines (it is estimated that at least 30% of current RAF personnel started in the Air Cadets). Offering 12 to 20-year-olds a variety of flying courses from absolute beginner, to private pilots' licence (PPL) level, the RAF's cadet force is divided into six regions, 34 wings and more than 900 squadrons within communities around the UK; including 200 Combined Cadet Force – RAF detachments.

The Air Cadet Pilot Scheme

The Air Cadet Light Aircraft Course (ACLAC) is one of the most accessible to young people with around 140 places available each year, flown at Tayside Aviation in Dundee. The civilian flying school provides 12 hours flying tuition so cadets can progress to first solo and beyond.

Embedded with the RAF's University Air Squadrons, the Air Cadet Air Experience Flying Course (ACAEEFC) has 27 places available. This 10 hour course exposes students to aspects of service flying such as low level navigation and advanced handling. Available at locations throughout the country, the ACAEEFC does not enable the cadet to fly solo.

To qualify, cadets must be 16 years old and have completed a non-solo flying course or, preferably achieved a gliding solo winning their silver wings.

Air Cadet Pilot Navigation Scheme

Each year 30 cadets have the chance to win the coveted Navigation Wings at Air Experience Flight's throughout the country. Planning for fuel loads, diversions and the weather are some of the valuable aviation skills gained on completion of the Air Cadet Pilot Navigation Scheme (ACPNs).

There are several PPL, NPPL and gliding scholarships available to Air Cadets each year. These are sponsored by organisations including the Royal Aero Club, the Air League Educational Trust, the RAF Charitable Trust, the Geoffrey de Havilland Foundation, Babcock Defence Services, the RAF Association and the Honourable Company of Air Pilots.

Gliding Induction Course

Flying either Vigilant motor-gliders or Viking winch-launch gliders, the Gliding Induction Course (GIC) is aimed to give cadets their first taste of gliding. Consisting of three levels (GIC1 to GIC3), these courses enable classroom theory such as principles of flight to be put into practice in the skies.

The Gliding Induction Course is offered to motivated cadets who have no medical conditions that prevent them from flying safely. Successful completion of the Gliding Induction Course enables cadets to progress to the Gliding Scholarship.

Vigilant flight instruction GIC 1 – 20 minutes GIC 2 – 25 minutes GIC 3 – 30 minutes.

Viking GIC 1 – 3 launches GIC 2 – 4 launches GIC 3 – 5 launches.

newcomer, any pilot can use this listing to touch base with some of the amazing flying organisations that serve the aviation industry and leisure flying so well. With more opportunities listed than in any previous 'Where to Apply Guide', there really never has been a better time to check-out what's on offer and take advantage of the generosity of the scheme's sponsors and benefactors.

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Gliding Scholarship Course

Giving any cadet over the age of 16 the chance to fly solo in the Vigilant or Viking, the Gliding Scholarship Course (GS) is the next step after obtaining the level-3 Gliding Introductory certificate.

Once the cadet has passed the standard medical check the course can be completed over successive weekends or as part of a one week course. The Vigilant course offers students a minimum of 8 hours flying time, which equates to a minimum of 40 launches to those accepted on the Viking programme.

In true Top Gun style the 'best of the best' can have the chance to return as Flight Staff Cadets and train to a much higher level. Post Gliding Scholarship courses are also available to Air Cadets through the Air League Educational Trust.

Air Experience Flights

Air Experience Flights (AEF) enable cadets to fly the RAF's Grob Tutor from one of 12 AEF sites across the country. Flying with current and ex-service pilots, the cadet will have the freedom to take the controls and even fly aerobatics.

Founded in 1948, the AEF is part of the Air Training Corp's commitment to giving flying experience to its members by offering each cadet at least one flight a year.

For more information about the RAF Air Cadets see: www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets/

The Air League Educational Trust



With over £2 Million of flying scholarships allocated over the past decade, the Air League Educational Trust is showing no signs of slowing for 2017.



To attract bright minds and the talent of tomorrow, the Air League Educational Trust provides many scholarships and bursaries aimed at encouraging young people to aviation. This year the charitable trust and its partners are awarding flying and engineering scholarships, advanced flying bursaries to existing

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licence holders as well as offering free advice for anybody considering a career in the aviation industry.

Working regularly with disadvantaged groups, corporate backing means the Air League Educational Trust can use aviation and aerospace as a gateway to give life-changing experiences and opportunities.

Flying Scholarship

The Air League Educational Trust awards 50 Flying Scholarships each year to help young people qualify for a Light Aircraft Pilots Licence (LAPL).

This year's winners will be given 12-flying hours towards a Light Aircraft Pilots Licence. Those who reach solo standard will be presented with an Air League pilots badge and certificate at the trust's annual reception in London.

With funding set aside for accommodation, residential 10-day training camps run throughout the summer at Wellesbourne's South Warwickshire Flying School, Dundee's Tayside Aviation and the Wycombe Air Centre.

Scholarships may also be completed at any Air League member flying school or endorsed RAF flying clubs. If the winner has already commenced their flying training, a local non-Air League LAPL training organisation may be used to completion. The flying scholarship is open to young Air League members who are between 18 and 26-years-of-age, are UK residents and have a minimum of 5 GCSE/SCE passes, at C/3 grade or above, including English Language and Mathematics.

As these scholarships are intended to help young persons qualify for a LAPL, the scholarship may not be awarded to existing LAPL or PPL holders.

Gliding Scholarships

Contributing to advanced flying training costs, the Air League's Gliding Scholarship is intended for young pilots who have already achieved solo status.

With typical awards of £300, glider pilots who apply for funding will be asked by the Air League how they want they want to spend the money. Aerobatics, cross-country flying and up to 35 hours self-launching motor glider time are available, enabling Air League members between the ages of 16 to 26-years build on their airmanship skills and break out of the circuit.

Winners can choose from a selection of British Gliding Association (BGA) approved Junior Gliding Centres across the country or train at Bristol and Gloucestershire Gliding Club, London Gliding Club or the Midland Gliding Club at Long Mynd. The names of successful 2017 applicants will be published in the aviation press and announced on the League's website and newsletter. Successful scholars will be presented with a certificate by The Air League at the Annual Reception held in London in 2018.

Additional funding is also available to Air Cadets via the Post Gliding Scholarship initiative.

Gliding to Solo Scholarships

Inspiring gliding taster days, followed by the chance to be accepted on The Air League's Gliding to Solo Scholarship (GSS), are available to students who meet their schools' expectations.

After successfully completing a taster day, last year twenty students from colleges across the country were given the opportunity to apply for the Gliding to Solo Scholarship. Supported by British Airways, Boeing and global law firm Linklaters, three students from each associated college were awarded a Gliding to Solo Scholarship.

Engineering Scholarship

For an invaluable insight into real life engineering this summer, the Air League will be offering engineering placements at a number of leading aerospace engineering and flying schools. With one or two-weeks work experience available, this scholarship can include accommodation and travel expenses as well as valuable knowhow for any CV.

This opportunity to learn useful skill, make new friends and industry contacts is available to 18 to 26-year-olds who are

looking for a career in aviation. The Air League's engineering scholarship is run in-conjunction with the J N Somers Charitable Will Trust and the Rhodes-Moorehouse VC Charitable Trust.

Flying Bursary 2017

Want to train on a vintage biplane or renew a lapsed rating? The Air League's Flying Bursary can help you. Covering the costs for 3-5 hour's single engine piston (SEP) flight time, the 2017 Flying Bursary is available to any PPL holder who would like to add qualifications such as aerobatics, night and instrument to their licence or renew a rating.

Conditions for the Flying Bursary mean that the applicant must have a pilot's licence issued by the CAA, which includes a valid SEP (Land) aircraft rating and valid medical certification.

For more information on all the Air League scholarships and bursaries, visit: www.airleague.co.uk

Bristol and Gloucester Gliding Club Scholarship



The Bristol and Gloucester Gliding Club are offering free gliding lessons to young people who can demonstrate a passion for aviation, gliding and learning to fly.

Founded in 1956 the club operates from its own 100-acre airfield located on the edge of the Cotswolds at Nympsfield. Scholarship activities will include retrieving gliders, glider handling, daily sailplane inspections and radio communications. To help successful applicants to fly solo, theory of flight and an introduction to the British Gliding Association's Bronze Certificate will be also taught by the club.

Sponsoring up to four young people between the ages of 14 to 16-years, the prime objective of the course is introducing the winners to gliding by training them to solo standard. All flying cost will be included by the Bristol and Gloucester Gliding Club (BGGC) who are one of the largest gliding clubs in the UK

For more information about Bristol and Gloucester Gliding Club visit: www.bggc.co.uk

The British Aerobatic Association



Catering for all levels of aerobatic pilots and hosting fifteen aerobatic events throughout the UK the British Aerobatic Association allocate a portion of their budget to contribute to member's competition costs.

Inspiring BAeA pilots to up their game, yearly bursaries have been paid by the association to help pilots climb the competition ladder to the next level.

Funding for 2017 is in the planning stage now, details will be announced as they become available.



Get into Aeros

In 2016 the BAeA hosted two 'Get into Aeros' events at Lasham and Sleaf to give advice to aspiring aerobatic pilots and the opportunity to experience aerobatic competition. Capitalising on last year's success the BAeA are planning a re-run of this popular event for 2017.

For more information about the British Aerobatic Association visit: www.aerobatics.org.uk

British Gliding Association



At altitudes of up to 30,000 feet and speeds of over 100mph in an engine-less aircraft, piloting a glider is one of the best ways to perfect the all-important airmanship skills.

The British Gliding Association (BGA) website claims that, "Gliding is the most fun in the sky", and with around 85 clubs across the UK facilitating close to ten thousand members, harnessing the power of nature must be some of the most popular flying available.

The BGA is a helpful resource to anybody interested in the sport of gliding, and offers a three-tier system of bursaries and scholarships.

BGA-Administered Schemes Using funds from the Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) Centennial Fund, the BGA offers 10 flying scholarships of £300 each to young pilots aged 14 to 21 years-of-age at pre-and-post solo level.

Together with the Honourable Company of Air Pilots, the BGA are also providing funding of £500 to £1000 for pilots under the age of 25-years-of-age to qualify as Basic or Assistant Instructor.

Finally, learn the tricks of the trade in a real-life competition environment by flying with experienced competition pilot's. As part of the Junior National Championships, the BGA offers competition training for young pilots who have never flown competitively before.

BGA Third Party Bursaries

These are offered by the Air League Educational Trust, Caroline Trust, Honourable Company of Air Pilots, Royal Aero Club Trust and Upward Bound Trust. Details of the BGA's third party bursaries are listed under each individual organisation in this guide.



BGA Club Bursary Schemes

Most BGA member clubs offer support to younger pilots. This support varies between clubs but often includes reduced price flying or membership and cadet schemes.

For more information visit: www.glidering.co.uk

British Microlight Aircraft Association



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World champion pilot Rob Grimwood started his flying career by winning a British Microlight Aircraft Association (BMAA) bursary for young persons in 1997. Now a flight instructor and examiner at his own flying school, Rob's story of flying success is something that the BMAA want to repeat by helping fund a NPPL in 2017.

By cutting down flying costs to its members, The British Microlight Aircraft Association takes care of the interests of microlight pilots across the UK and is approved by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). As older pilots hang-up their flying suits, the BMAA have developed the Young Persons' Bursary as part of a legacy programme to look for future ambassadors of the sport who can demonstrate an interest in microlighting.

The bursary is intended to reward the enthusiastic youngster who shows up every weekend to get a flight. This is the person the BMAA want to support by making the NPPL a reality.

For more information about the British Microlight Aircraft Association visit: www.bmaa.org

British Women Pilots Association

With increasing interest from women and an industry demand for more female pilots, the BWPA offered three different flying scholarships in 2016. Intended for both inexperienced women pilots, and for those intending to make a career in flying, all the BWPA's scholarship are aimed at improving women's equality within aviation. Formed in 1955 the non-profit making organisation supports women who fly, and women who have yet to try flying. Run by volunteers, today BWPA membership includes student pilots, airline captains and military pilots.

Offering £1000 each, the BWPA offered the Flying Start and Flying High scholarships in 2016 to enable winners to gain initial



qualifications/ratings or add to existing ones.

Donated by CATS Aviation Training, the 2016 BWPA CATS ATPL/CPL Scholarship comprised of ground school training worth almost £1500.

The BWPA are soon to announce details for their 2017 scholarship programme.

For more information about the British Women Pilots' Association visit: www.bwpa.co.uk

Caroline Trust



The Caroline Trust will help successful applicants to achieve their first milestones of gliding flight, such as solo, Bronze, Basic Instructor and so on.

Donating over 150 bursaries of around £250 each since the Millennium, the Caroline Trust aims to provide young people, especially women, the chance to experience the sport of gliding as well as enabling those with disabilities participate in the sport. Funds are paid into an individual's flying account at their local gliding club, and according to the Trust, the gliding clubs will often supplement the bursary themselves in order to provide the individual with as much chance as possible of achieving their flying goals.

Once a year an award of £300 is made to the cadet who has distinguished themselves in their flying and contributed the most to their gliding club. This prestigious award is presented at the British Gliding Association's annual conference.

Run throughout the year the bursaries are open to applicants 13 to 18-years-of-age – ages up to 18 will be considered if the candidate has particular trouble funding their training. Applicants up to 21-years-of-age will be considered for those applying to become an instructor.

For more information about the Caroline Trust visit: www.carolinetrust.org.uk

Cotswold Airport Aviation Scholarship



An all-inclusive scholarship that embraces a mixture of first hand career-based experiences with 10 hour's flight time on different aircraft is available from Cotswold Airport.

To celebrate the tenth anniversary of their scholarship, Cotswold Airport have increased the placement schedule to ten days, and upped the accessible flight training time from 8 to 10 hours for 2017.

Air Traffic Control experience is incorporated on the course, with engineering being ticked-off by a visit to Rolls Royce. The scholarship, offered by Cotswold Airport owner Ronan Harvey, also includes other blue-chip aviation industry outings, as well as a comprehensive ground school. Available to local 14 to 18-year-olds, twelve finalists and one runner up will be chosen by a board of Cotswold Airport directors. All the flight-training time awarded can go towards a PPL.

For more information about the Cotswold Airport Aviation Scholarship see: www.cotswold.com

CTC Advance Flight Instructor Programme Scholarship



Flight training and crew resourcing company CTC Aviation may offer a fully-sponsored development programme for unrestricted flight instructors.

When it is run, the programme selects qualified flight instructors who have attained the level of 'unrestricted' – ie who are qualified to send students on an initial solo flight – and sponsor successful candidates through an advanced development programme, delivered by CTC, to become a Multi Engine Instrument Rating Instructor and Class Rating Instructor.

As part of the programme, the fully-sponsored instructors will

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The de Havilland Educational Trust (DHET) will be giving several 16 to 25-year-olds the chance to 'turn back the clock' and fly in a vintage Tiger Moth.

New for 2017, and with an hour's flight time available per candidate, the bursary will also include a full briefing on the classic bi-plane and its operation. Selected candidates will also have the chance to take part in a once in a lifetime navigation exercise. Part of the Fiona McKay Flying Bursaries, this is the first year the de Havilland Educational Trust have tried this scheme after almost 10-years of offering extended flying bursaries.

Further details are available on application from:

The de Havilland Educational Trust
Staggers
23 Hall Park Hill
Berkhamstead
Hertfordshire
HP4 2NH

For more information about the de Havilland Educational Trust contact dhet@dhmothclub.co.uk

The Endeavour Fund Spitfire Scholarship

Prince Harry's Endeavour Fund awards a 60-hour Spitfire training course that cumulates in flying the famous Rolls Royce Merlin powered fighter.

Before taking the £3 million 1944 aircraft on a 15-minute solo flight, training begins with 30 hours on a Chipmunk, 20 hours on a Harvard and 10 hours on a two seat Spitfire.

The Spitfire Scholarship is a part of Prince Harry's Endeavour Fund, set up to help injured service personnel with their long-term recovery, offering ambitious goals through adventure and sporting challenges. Candidates are drawn from present-day wounded, injured and sick service personnel and veterans, many of whom have received initial flying training with Aerobility and Flying For Freedom.

Working in close partnership with Boulton Flight Academy and with support from Aerobility and Flying For Freedom, the Endeavour Fund is proud to be associated with this inspirational

flying scholarship.

For more information on The Spitfire Scholarship visit: www.endeavourfund.co.uk

The Fly2Help Aim High Scholarship

With behind the scenes access to Air Traffic Control and air operations, Fly2Help's educational Aim High scholarship also includes visits to Rolls Royce and Airbus.

Fly2Help is an aviation charity based at Gloucestershire Airport which delivers the Aim High Scholarship which helps young people learn about the world of aviation whilst gaining confidence and belief in themselves.

Fly2Help's Aim High is a free-to-join scholarship for young people between 14 and 18-years-of-age, who win their place through an open application and interview process. Here, they learn about the breadth of opportunities in the industry and how to develop an aviation career.

Finishing with a 15-minute flying lesson, other hands-on experience offered by the Aim High scholarship includes marshalling aircraft and learning to read weather reports. The week-long courses, based at Biggin Hill, Gloucester and Oxford airports, can cater for 10 students and includes with a presentation which is attended by parents.

For 2017 Fly2Help are looking to run Aim High taster days for local schools and groups.

For more information about the Fly2Help Aim High Scholarship see: www.fly2help.org

Flying Aces Scholarship

Tayside Aviation is flying right on the numbers by giving 720 air experience flights to cadets through their brand-new 'Flying Aces' scholarship.

Pushing the aviation career door open by creating a level playing field of opportunity to those young people whom would not

benefit from three years of flight instructor experience with CTC's ATO division at Bournemouth Airport, UK. A visit to CTC Aviation's Crew Training Centre in Hamilton, New Zealand is planned as part of the instructors' development as is attendance on CTC Aviation's airline standard Type Rating Instructor Core course as well as CTC's Airline Qualification Course (which incorporates the Multi Crew Co-operation Certificate – MCC).

At the end of the development period, instructors may choose to continue working for CTC Aviation as part of its instructor team with potential relocation opportunities to CTC Aviation's Crew Training Centres in New Zealand, or the United States. Alternatively, for those with aspirations to join an airline, CTC's Airline Placement Team will aim to facilitate employment as a co-pilot with one of CTC's airline partners.

The advanced instructor development programme will be tailored to reflect the past experience of those selected, but could include multi-engine pilot rating, multi-engine instrument rating, instrument rating instructor training, and class rating instructor training.

The minimum pre-entry requirements to the advanced flight instructor development programme include:

- Class 1 medical
- Commercial Pilot Licence
- Unrestricted Flight Instructor rating (aeroplanes)
- A minimum of 450 hours total time
- A minimum of 150 hours IFR time

More information is available at: www.ctcaviation.com

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normally get the chance to get into aviation, the Scottish aviation company are also offering selected Flying Aces cadets 12-hours of flight training towards a Private Pilot's Licence.

Initially taking place at Tayside Aviation's headquarters in Dundee and Fife, it is hoped that Flying Ace's sorties will extend to airfields across the region.

So that young people from the Highlands & Islands don't miss out, Scottish airline Loganair are providing free flights to bring these cadets to and from Flying Aces days.

Recognising that every young person should have the same chances, the charitable scheme is designed to help young people, including those from disabled and disadvantaged backgrounds, to spread their wings.

For more information about Tayside Aviation visit: www.taysideaviation.com

Flying for Freedom

Flying for Freedom seek to enable recovery for wounded, injured and sick service personnel, by supporting them through Microlight flying training.

Flying for Freedom focuses on giving new opportunities and abilities, maintaining a 'can do' positive mental attitude through flex-wing microlight flying. Pilots can study towards Assistant Flying Instructor and/or Display Pilot ratings. This allows them to train future pilots in adapted aircraft, establishing a flying legacy.

It is not all about individual training either. Post recovery adventurous training can play an important role in challenging perceptions.

For more information about Flying for Freedom visit: www.flyingforfreedom.org

Flying Scholarships for Disabled People



FLYING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DISABLED PEOPLE

Disabled people with a thirst for aviation and adventure are being given the opportunity to realise their full potential through the freedom of flight. Formed in memory of the famed Second World War fighter pilot Douglas Bader, Flying Scholarship for Disabled People (FSDP) has given nearly 400 scholarships to both challenge and inspire all people with disabilities.

Depending on the individual there is no specific target or standard of achievement as to what is accomplished and each year the type and availability of scholarships varies, as they are dependent on the generosity of sponsors.

After passing the Final Selection Board at RAF Cranwell, provisions will be made for trainees to take their scholarship in the U.K or abroad. FSDP winners will be presented with a scholarship certificate at the Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT) at Fairford, Gloucestershire and invited back the next year to receive their pilot's wings.

For further information about Flying Scholarships for Disabled People visit: www.fsdp.org

The Girls Venture Corps Air Cadets



Offering many opportunities and experiences including crafts, canoeing and flying, membership of the Girls Venture Corps Air Cadets is

open to young women 11 to 20-years-of-age, who get the opportunity to study an aviation programme. The Girls Venture Corps Air Cadets was formed in 1964 following a merger between the Girls Training Corps and the Women's Junior Air Corps. In 1887 Air Cadets was added to the title at the request of the membership.

Scholarships for gliding are available via the Duacat-Amos Gliding Scholarship, which comprises of a weekend course at a local club.

For more information about The Girls Venture Corps Air Cadets see: www.gvcac.org.uk

Harvard Flight Centres PPL Scholarship Programme



Harvard Flight Centre are pleased to announce that applications are now open for their 2017 45-hour PPL

scholarship programme.

Available to any UK citizen over 18-years-of-age and who can speak fluent English and is competent at Maths, the course will include all 9 written examinations and fees. The Scholarship is intended for one person so applicants will be required to write a personal statement of no more than 500 words to be reviewed by a Selection board.

Starting in June 2017, the scholarship is not open to an applicant with a LAPL or NPPL.

The winner will be presented with a Harvard Flight Centre's pilots badge and certificate after the PPL has been awarded.

For more information about the Harvard Flight Centres PPL Scholarship Programme visit: www.harvardaviation.com

Heli Air Helicopter Pilot Scholarships Programme



Heli Air's Helicopter Pilot Scholarships are set to return in 2017, offering three unique funded rotary courses for which entrants can apply on completion of PPL (H) training with Heli Air.



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Advance Training Turbine Helicopter Type Rating Fancy a free Helicopter turbine type rating? With 5-days intensive training, including 10 hours flight time on a R66 or Bell 206, Heli Air's Advance Training Turbine Helicopter Type Rating Scholarship is worth approximately £7500.

Full Time ATPL (H) Ground School Scholarship Valued at approximately £7200, this scholarship provides the student with all the tools to complete a full 6 months' full time study ATPL (H) Theoretical Knowledge course. The course provides the successful candidate with the opportunity to study all 14 ATPL (H) subjects and includes all CAA fees for their first sitting of examinations.

Modular CPL (H) Helicopter Pilot Course The scholarship winner will have the opportunity to complete their CPL(H) training at any of Heli Air's nine bases throughout the UK. The CPL(H) flying course will be completed in the Robinson R22 helicopter and is worth approximately £14000. If the winner holds the relevant rating, it can be possible to upgrade to an R44.

As part of Heli Air's commitment to their existing customer base, exam fees are included and the successful candidate will not be required to pay back any of the funding.

For further information about Heli Air visit: www.heli-air.com

Helicentre Aviation Academy Professional Helicopter Scholarships



Helicentre needs you! Helicopter scholarships worth more than £70,000 are available. To be part of the success story, Helicentre are seeking applicants to hop-on their 2017 programme.

The scope of funding and opportunity provided is unlike any other scholarship of its kind. Two full Scholarships will be awarded in 2017, a Commercial Pilot (CPL(H) scholarship and a Flight Instructor (FI(H) scholarship. To date the scholarship programme has been extremely successful, providing winners with much needed funding to complete their professional flight training, as well as career opportunities to work as professional helicopter pilots.

The CPL(H) scholarship will pay for all post-PPL(H) hour building, including the chance to fly out of the company's new base in Orlando, Florida, the CPL/ATPL theoretical knowledge course, as well as the complete CPL(H) modular flying course - a total of up to 140 hours flight time.



The FI(H) scholarship will cover the entire cost of the winner's Flight Instructor course and will include a full time Instructing position on completion.

For more information about Helicentre Aviation Scholarship visit: www.flyheli.co.uk

Helping Wings Jersey

Helping Wings is a Jersey charity aiming to share the excitement of flying with local disadvantaged children and teenagers who would not otherwise get the chance to discover flying. Since 2008, with the support of its members, partners and pilots, over 150 children have enjoyed a day out at the aero club.

In 2016 the aviation charity offered a bursary worth £2000 of flying training with the Jersey Aero Club for a local disabled person. The lower limb disabled scholarship by Helping Wings is sponsored by the Sir James Knott Trust. Plans are being made to provide pilot training and flight experiences for the physical disabled using a special adaptation to the aircraft controls.

For more information on Helping Wings Jersey visit: www.helpingwingsjersey.org

The Honourable Company of Air Pilots



The Honourable Company of Air Pilots (HCAP) and their sponsors could well be your best friends this summer. Why? Because, they are offering multiple PPL, gliding, instructor and jet orientation scholarships. Starting out as a Guild in 1929, The Honourable Company of Air Pilots sphere of influence is great. In addition to flying scholarships funded directly by the Company or one of its Charitable trusts, each year Air Pilot's is fortunate to receive generous sponsorship from several sources to fund flying scholarships which are administered by the Company.

When not assisting members in all matters of aviation, each year



the Honourable Company of Air Pilots reaches out, providing a unique opportunity for people who would like to become pilots or further their qualifications by offering free flying scholarships and bursaries.

In 2016, funding was generously provided by benefactors for the following scholarships:

- Air BP - funding for one PPL (fixed-wing) scholarship - 'The Air BP Sterling Scholarship'
- Past Master Mike Grayburn - funding for one PPL (fixed-wing) scholarship - 'The Grayburn Scholarship'
- Cadogan Charitable Trust - funding for one PPL (fixed-wing) scholarship - 'The Cadogan Scholarship'
- Adrian Swire Charitable Trust - funding for one FI(R) (fixed-wing) scholarship - 'The Swire Scholarship'
- Foyle Charitable Trust- funding for one PPL (fixed-wing) scholarship - 'The Foyle Scholarship'
- TAG Farnborough Airport - funding for one PPL (fixed wing) scholarship - 'The TAG Flying Scholarship'
- Air Pilots Benevolent Fund - funding for four PPL (fixed-wing) scholarships
- Air Pilots Trust - funding for one (fixed-wing) scholarship with a proportion of the Charitable Funds raised by immediate Past Master Chris Ford during his year in office - 'The Master's Scholarship' and one FI(R) (fixed wing) scholarship. 'The Norman Motley Scholarship'
- Air Safety Trust - funding for two FI(R) (fixed-wing) scholarships
- EPST (Netherlands) - provision of two JOC scholarships

Additionally, in 2016, there were many residential Gliding Scholarships available, including five provided by Virgin Atlantic, the Eric Winkle Brown Scholarships generously provided by Marshalls of Cambridge and the Young Air Pilots. Other gliding scholarship benefactors include Liveryman Paul Nicholas, the Air Pilots Benevolent Fund, and the Air Pilots Flying Club.

PPL Scholarships

These scholarships cover all aspects of training up to licence issue for a candidate who is prepared to dedicate a considerable part of the summer to gaining their PPL. Providing up to 45 hours of flying, these scholarships can take a candidate with little or no experience to completion of their flying licence during the summer; alternatively, they can complete the training of a partially-trained pilot.

Gliding Scholarships

Gliding scholarships are provided directly by the Honourable Company and with funding from the Air Pilots' Flying Club and the Air Pilots Benevolent Fund. As these scholarships will be residential, they are offered to people over the age of 16 and give the successful candidates the opportunity to fly on a one week residential course at a youth-approved British Gliding Association centre. This course could take a candidate to first solo.

Flight Instructor Certificate Scholarships

The Flight Instructor Certificate Scholarship award covers all direct training and examination costs for the successful candidate to achieve a Fixed Wing Flying Instructor qualification.



ETSP Jet Orientation Course Scholarship

These courses are specifically designed to prepare newly qualified commercial pilots for employment with an airline. The course is not aircraft type specific, rather providing a generic overview of systems and procedures in a modern airliner. HCAP say that pilots who have completed the EPST JOC courses have generally proved to be well regarded by potential employers.

For more information about the Honourable Company of Air Pilots see: www.airpilots.org

iFly Sponsorship Programme



iFly will help more young people into the air in 2017 following the success of the programme's pre-launch competition last August to win four places on a week-long gliding course.

Airline pilot training and resourcing organisation CTC Aviation has partnered with the Air League, the British Gliding Association and Lasham Gliding club to help aspiring young pilots into a career in aviation.

The joint initiative iFly will use the sport of gliding to not only help young people into the air sooner, but also to give their CV a real boost when it comes to applying for a pilot training programme in the future.

The Air League will fund £200 bursaries to get successful applicants started on a gliding programme that will include theory sessions and many seminars and career events throughout the year. According to The Air League's Andy Perkins, who is leading the venture, iFly is designed to equip aspiring pilots not only with flying skills, but with teamwork and interpersonal skills as well.

iFly is designed for 10 candidates aged between 16 and 18-years-of-age whom are determined to pursue their dream, but often find it difficult to find funds for their passion.

For more information about iFly visit: www.ifly-gb.com

Light Aircraft Association



Light Aircraft Association

The Light Aircraft Association is the representative body in the United Kingdom for amateur aircraft construction, and recreational and sport flying. In the past, The Light Aircraft Association's Armstrong/Isaacs Foundation scholarship has provided an annual UK National Private Pilot Licence (NPPL) scholarship to a young member of the Light Aircraft Association (LAA).



The Light Aircraft Association (LAA) hope to be running a scholarship for 2017, but have yet to announce their plans.

For more information about the Light Aircraft Association see: www.lightaircraftassociation.co.uk

ManSat Scholarship

'Is there life on Mars...?' David Bowie did not live on the Isle of Man but if he did, no doubt he would have been encouraging young people on the island to apply for the ManSat Scholarship that rockets winners to NASA's United Space School.

Every year, in co-operation with the Department of Education & Children, the satellite firm ManSat funds a scholarship for three Manx students to attend the prestigious Houston Space School, Texas, for two weeks during the summer. Working alongside peers from around the world, winning students will plan a simulated manned mission to Mars, with support from NASA astronauts, engineers and scientists.

The scholarships are awarded as the result of an Island-wide essay competition has had 30 students attend the United Space School to date. The scholarship is open to all Year-12 and Lower-6 students on the Isle of Man.

For more information about the ManSat Scholarship visit: www.mansat.com

The Mike Langley Foundation



inspiring & supporting the next generation of airline pilots

With airline pilot training costing up to £100,000 or more, the Mike Langley Foundation is raising money from the aviation industry to help young pilots attain their commercial wings.

Mr Langley, who started flying at the age of 17, has played a pivotal role in ab-initio training over the last 25 years by working with self-funded pilots, airlines, universities and regulatory bodies from across the globe. After 36 years in the military he went on to work at the Kidlington-based Oxford Aviation Academy flying school and later became a founder member of Kura Aviation and the head of its Advisory Board.

Named after the man who has a reputation for never retiring, the foundation will help anyone with a passion for flying with schemes expected to include a PPL course and professional pilot training.

For more information on the Mike Langley Foundation visit: www.kuraaviation.com

The Murray Scholarship

Set up in the memory of Wing Commander Thomas Murray DSO, DFC* MID, the Murray scholarship will give the winning candidate 15 hours flying time in a DH Chipmunk aircraft to be flown at Boulton Flight Academy, Goodwood.

The scheme is primarily to encourage young people of the correct attitude and aptitude to pursue further flying training. In line with the mission of the Air Cadets, the aim is to support them in their future careers, be they be in aviation or elsewhere, however the scholarship is also open for any local teenagers that can demonstrate a commitment and interest to aviation.

Entry criteria include:

- Flying training will not begin without the consent of the cadet's parents or guardians.
- The candidate must be medically fit.
- Candidates must be able to make their own arrangements to attend and complete the flying training at Boulton, Goodwood.

For more information about the Murray Scholarship visit: <http://suitcasesvulturesandspies.yolasite.com/the-murray-flying-scholarship>

Nick Davidson Memorial Flying Scholarship

Gain a full Private Pilot's Licence, learning to fly at Biggin Hill Airport with the Nick Davidson Memorial Flying Scholarship.

An individual scholarship of 45-hours training time is being funded by the Davidson family in 2017. Including ground school and examinations and worth around £12,000, the training package intended for 15 to 25-year-olds.

Established in 2012 when the late Nick Davidson died of cancer, the fund receives support from London Biggin Hill Airport, Shipping and Airlines, Adams Aviation and the Bamrah family. Flying training will be allocated to instructors at the Surrey and Kent Flying Club.

Talking about the scholarship, Alina - Nick's widow - said: "For us, the scheme had high value and purpose in memorialising Nick's first professional flying job as an instructor at Biggin Hill and the flying career he enjoyed so much."

The selection process will be held in September and October and applications should include a full Curriculum Vitae.

For more information about the Nick Davidson Memorial Flying Scholarship visit: www.bigginhillairport.com

The Royal Aero Club Trust



Balloon flyers are particularly encouraged to apply for bursaries in 2017 after the Royal Aero Club Trust received no applications from 'hot air' enthusiasts last year for their all-encompassing aviation

funding.

The Royal Aero Club Trust presented 50 bursaries in 2016 for a wide range of flying disciplines to enable young people to achieve their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential through participation in air sports and recreation.

The scheme and the bursaries comprise all types of air sports and aviation-related activities including: paragliding, gliding, hang-gliding, parachuting, microlight aircraft, helicopter, light aircraft and the designing, building and flying model aeroplanes, including multi-rotary wing - e.g. drones.

Bursaries include The President's Award, two bursaries each worth up to £750, a further bursary worth up to £1,000 from The Peter Cruddas Foundation Scholarship, the Breitling Bursary also worth up to £750, the Mac Robert Trust Bursaries, two bursaries

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each worth up to £500, and the Bramson Bursary also worth up to £500 as well as many additional bursaries worth up to £500 each to suitable candidates.

Flying Bursaries/Grants

For those wishing to advance from one recognised level of air sport to the next higher level and wish to upgrade their existing qualifications.

Flight-Sim Bursaries/Grants

For computer flight simulation enthusiasts wishing to gain practical experience of flying or an air sport.

Aeromodelling Bursaries

These enable flyers upgrade equipment or to gain further qualifications.

Follow-on (Advanced) Bursaries

To enable well qualified air sports persons to enter international or national competitions or other prestigious events or to advance their existing qualifications to a higher level to the benefit of the sport (eg to gain an instructor qualification).

Bursaries are available to UK residents between the ages of 14 and 21-years, with an age limit for Follow-On (Advanced) Bursaries up to 24-years-old.

For more information about The Royal Aero Club Trust visit: www.royalaeroclubtrust.org

Royal Aeronautical Society Centennial Scholarship Fund



Since the Centennial awards began in 2003, over 125 bursaries have been donated with a value of more than £450,000. If you've got the talent and commitment to become an aerospace leader but need financial help, read on.

Launched in celebration of one hundred years of flight, The Royal Aeronautical

Society (RAeS) created the Centennial Scholarship Fund to look forward to the next generation of aerospace pioneers and experts in the 21st Century. From modest beginnings, the Centennial Fund has gone from strength to strength providing support to many outstanding students and team initiatives, thanks to the generous support of the sponsors representing all areas of membership of the RAeS.

Awards include support towards:

Postgraduate tuition fees to enable young people to undertake Master's programmes such as Air Transport Management and Aerospace Vehicle Design, completion of aerospace-related post-doctorate research projects and national programmes to encourage young people's interest in the aviation industry and aerospace engineering.



Schemes include several named awards:

The Robert Blackburn Award for aerospace engineering study

The Alan Snudden Award for aircraft engineering and safety related study

The GP Olley Award for aerospace medicine study and research

The British Aviation Group Scholarships for air transport, airport planning and infrastructure study.

Travel Grants

The Aerospace Speakers Travel Grants is a quarterly bursary fund focussed on, but not exclusive to, young people at the beginning of their aerospace-related careers and is available for students who wish to present a paper on their research at a conference. Applicants who are members of the Society may receive up to two awards from this bursary – the first successful application will be awarded up to £500 and the second successful application will be up to £300.

For more information about The Royal Aeronautical Society visit: www.aerosociety.com

RAF Association Flying Scholarship



Six exceptional young people will get the chance to fly thanks to the Royal Air Forces Association's Flying Scholarships programme. For over 10 years the RAF Association has been running its Flying

Scholarship programme for the Air Cadet Organisation (ACO), the Girls Venture Corps Air Cadets (GVCAC), and members of the Air Scouts/ Air Explorer Scouts. The Flying Scholarship award is presented each year as a thank you to members of the

ACO (which includes the Air Training Corps and the Combined Cadet Force), GVCAC and Air Scouts/Air Explorer Scouts for their continuous support to the RAF Association, in helping to raise funds for the Wings Appeal.

Winning candidates are rewarded with a course of 35-hours flight training in a light aircraft, as a course that covers all, or part of the tuition needed to obtain a National Private Pilot Licence (NPPL). Four runners-up will receive 12 hours training each.

To be eligible for the award cadets need to have been a member of the ACO, GVCAC or Air Scouts/Air Explorer Scouts for at least 12 months, and be over 17 and under 20 on 1 January 2016.

For more information on the RAF Association Flying Scholarship visit: www.rafa.org.uk

The RAF Charitable Trust Junior Rank Pilot Scholarship Scheme



The Junior Rank Pilot Scholarship Scheme (JRPSS) has been increased to 30 places in 2017. The programme includes 15 hours flying training on a light aircraft as well as ground study and

examinations in core subjects such as Air Law, Meteorology and Navigation.

In association with the RAF Flying Clubs' Association (RAFFCA), the RAF Charitable Trust (RAFCT) welcomes applications from serving RAF Regular and Reserve Junior Ranks (JRs) for the 2017 Junior Rank Pilot Scholarship Scheme (JRPSS). The purchase of a new ultra-efficient Tecnam P2008JC was authorised by The Trustees of the RAF Charitable Trust in 2016 to enhance the delivery of the JRPSS.

Training may count towards the award of a Light Aircraft Pilot Licence (LAPL). Selected RAF Flying Clubs will deliver the flying training on behalf of the RAFCT with training study packs, supporting documentation and apparel being provided to Scholarship winners.

For more information about The Junior Rank Pilot Scholarship Scheme see: www.jrfly.co.uk

Royal Navy Gliding Scholarships



The Fleet Air Arm Officers Association Aviation Scholarship Trust awards gliding scholarships to young people between the ages of 17 and 20-years-of-age, who are interested in pursuing a career in military aviation.

The courses are run through Naval Gliding Clubs which are subject to the rules and regulations of the British Gliding Association (BGA). Gliding Scholarships normally take place during the Easter and August holiday periods. Where possible, air experience in a small fixed wing aircraft is provided by The Fleet Air Arm Squadron, which is a group of FAA Officers Association members, providing their own private aircraft and governed by civilian flying rules.

The intensive gliding course of up to eight days is held at one of three locations - Royal Naval Air Station Yeovilton in Somerset; Royal Naval Air Station Culdrose in Cornwall; and Lee-on-Solent in Hampshire.



Training is dependent on weather and cadet aptitude but can often lead to a solo flight in a glider. Food and accommodation is provided in the Officers Mess in a Royal Naval Air Station or Naval Establishment. Where possible, a powered flying navigation exercise and visits to FAA training facilities are included.

For more information on the Royal Navy Gliding Scholarship visit: www.fleetairmoa.org

The Scouts Association

Some 40% of the annual flying by scouts is in gliders. Quietly whistling around the clouds and with the potential to fly for several hours, gliding is an exhilarating and affordable way to learn to fly.

Either winch or aero-tow, once airborne there is often a chance for the scout to try the controls and get a first real flying lesson. Generally gliding is more suited to the older scouts and explorers, who can start learning to fly. Some providers specialise in providing a scout package, linking the aeronautics badge with a half-day gliding course.

For more information see: www.scouts.org.uk

The Strathaven Young Persons Bursary 2017

To create success and give back to the local community, Strathaven Airfield have started its own scholarship for 2017.

The bursary is worth approximately £2,500 and will give the successful applicant 15-hours of dual flight time with the aim to achieve a solo flight.

In its first year, the scholarship will include both membership to the airfield and the British Microlight Aircraft Association, as well as study text books. All flying training is expected to be completed with Sportflight Scotland who are based on the airfield. To date Strathaven Airfield is giving away a minimum of two scholarships this year to young people from the local ML10 post-code area. In the future, the not-for-profit organisation plans to expand into the rest of Lanarkshire.

For more information about The Strathaven Young Persons Bursary 2017 visit: www.strathavenairfield.co.uk

The Take-Off Scholarship

Flying an aircraft, especially solo, provides tremendous self-confidence and a great sense of achievement, benefiting the recipient in whichever walk of life they may choose.

Take-Off are offering scholarships within the Perth City area and to the Junior Members of the Scottish Aero Club with additional bursary scheme for students intending to train toward an NPPL. The Take-Off Scholarship provides 10-hours of dual flight training with a registered CAA approved training provider in a two seat, single engine light aircraft, with the aim of bringing the student to a standard that will allow one solo flight within those hours.

Applicants must be aged 16 to 18-years-old at the time that the training takes place and have a medical declaration of health. Take-Off hope to offer more wide ranging scholarship awards as the scheme expands.

For more information about The Take-Off Scholarship visit: www.take-off.org.uk

University Air Squadron



The 14 University Air Squadrons have a long tradition of offering flying training to undergraduates as well as a chance to experience life in the RAF and the opportunity to bring out your own true

potential.

University Air Squadron (UAS) members receive a high standard of free flying instruction from serving RAF personnel and membership is open to anyone at a British university that is affiliated with the scheme.

There are 14 University Air Squadrons around the country, offering undergraduates flying training and a chance to experience RAF life. They are: Bristol, Cambridge, East Midlands, East of Scotland, Glasgow & Strathclyde, Liverpool, Manchester & Salford, Northumbrian, Oxford, Southampton, University of Birmingham, University of London, Wales, Yorkshire.

Recruiting for most University Squadrons takes place during September to October; membership of the UAS does not imply commitment towards a career in the RAF.

For more information about University Air Squadrons visit: www.universityairsquadrons.com

The Upward Bound Gliding Trust



With help from its many volunteers and donations, the Upward Bound Gliding Trust offers flying at reduced rates for young people.

To stimulate young people in adventure in the air, the trust formed a gliding school for young people between 16 and 21-years-of-age. Flying activities are generally run on Saturdays between the March and October. Some flying is completed on Sundays.

For more information about the Upward Bound Gliding Trust visit: www.ubt.org.uk

The Vintage Aircraft Club - Liz Inwood Taildragger Scholarship

Do you have a passion for vintage aircraft and their individual flying characteristics? If so the Liz Inwood Taildragger Scholarship could enable you to get some stick and rudder time enabling you to fly the conventional way.

The Vintage Aircraft Club (VAC) has been in existence for over 50 years, and currently has some 300 members who own and operate almost 200 classic and vintage aircraft.

The Liz Inwood Taildragger Scholarship was created from her love of flying vintage aircraft. After she passed away from cancer in 2013 it was decided to set up the scholarship in her name to encourage younger pilots to learn the skills needed to fly these types of aircraft.

The VAC say that it has great difficulty choosing a scholarship winner each year because of the high standard of applicants. Candidates must under 35-years-of-age, with 100-hours total time, and 50-hours as pilot-in-command. The Scholarship will pay for up to five-hours flying time at an approved flying school including aircraft hire and instructor's fees.

For more information about the Vintage Aircraft Club, visit: www.vintageaircraftclub.org.uk

