

WHERE TO APPLY

guide

2019 UK Pilot Scholarships, Sponsorships and Bursaries

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Scholarships, sponsorship and bursaries explained

All of the courses and opportunities listed in the 2019 Where To Apply Guide offer some form of financial assistance to the aspiring pilot or aviation professional. There are subtle differences between the different types of scholarships, sponsorships and bursaries some of which are explained below.

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 detailed in the main listing of 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. There is a separate section in this guide listing some of the commercial ‘sponsorship’ arrangements which are available at the time of publication.

In general, the awards listed in the Where To Apply Guide are 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

The Where To Apply Guide is produced by Flight Training News as part of our goal to increase participation and social diversity in all levels of aviation. It is based on independent research and no organisation pays to have its details listed in the Where To Apply Guide.

The information contained in the Where To Apply Guide is published in good faith. The publishers take no responsibility for the accuracy or veracity of the data in the guide, any potential candidate is strongly advised to make independent enquiries before applying for or accepting any scheme or award.

The inclusion of an organisation or scheme in the Where To Apply Guide does not infer any recommendation or endorsement by FTN or any associated organisation.

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	Fixed Wing Basic	Fixed Wing Advance	Helicopter	Gliding	Airports	Air Experience	
Aerobility		•				•	www.aerobility.com
Air Cadets	•	•	•	•	•	•	www.aircadets.org
Air League Flying Scholarships	•	•		•			www.airleague.co.uk/scholarships
Bristol and Gloucester Gliding Club				•			www.bggc.co.uk
British Gliding Association				•			www.gliding.co.uk
BMAA Young Persons Flight Training Bursary	•						www.bmaa.org
British Womens Pilot Association	•	•					www.bwpa.co.uk
Cotswold Airport Aviation Scholarship	•					•	www.cotswoldairport.com/kemble-airport-aviation-scholarships
de Havilland Educational Trust		•				•	http://www.dehavillandeducationaltrust.co.uk/
Fly 2 Help						•	www.fly2help.org
Flying Scholarships for Disabled People	•					•	www.fsdp.org.uk
Girls Venture Air Cadet	•	•				•	www.gvac.org.uk
Helicentre Aviation Academy Professional Helicopter Scholarships			•				www.helicopterscholarships.com
Heli Air Helicopter Pilots Sscholarships Programme			•				www.heliair.com/pilot-scholarships/
Helping Wings Jersey						•	www.helpingwingsjersey.org
Honourable Company of Air Pilots'	•	•		•			www.airpilots.org
Light Aircraft Association Foundation Scholarship	•	•					www.lightaircraftassociation.co.uk
Man Sat						•	www.mansat.org
The Mike Langley Foundation		•					www.mikelangleyfoundation.org
Nick Davidson Memorial Scholarship	•						www.bigginhillairport.com
Royal Aero Club Trust	•	•	•	•			www.royalaeroclubtrust.org/bursaries
Royal Aeronautical Society Centennial Scholarship Fund	•						www.aerosociety.com
RAF Association Flying Scholarship	•						www.rafa.org.uk/What-we-do/Air-Cadets/ Flying-scholarships
Royal Navy Gliding Scholarships			•				www.fleetairarmoa.org/ faaoa-gliding-aviation-scholarships
The Scouts				•		•	www.scouts.org
Strathaven Young Persons Bursary	•						www.strathavenairfield.co.uk
Take Off Scholarship	•					•	www.take-off.org
Ultimate Aerobatics		•					www.ultimateaerobatics.couk
University Air Squadron	•					•	www.universityairsquadrons.com
Upward Bound Trust Gliding Club			•				www.ubt.org.uk
Vintage Aircraft Club's Liz Inwood Scholarship		•					www.vintageaircraftclub.org.uk

Airline sponsored and mentored training schemes

Over the last few years, airlines and major training organisations 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 800,000 new professional 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.

Airline-sponsored training programmes provide full or partial funding assistance, although details vary and often, 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, or reduced training costs for someone who has already started a 'paid-for' training scheme.

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.

These 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 main listing of the Where To Apply Guide as these schemes tend to be open to applications for only a short period of time and their availability is 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

Below are details of some airline / training schools believed to be available at the time of publication:

CAE Women in Flight scholarship

The CAE Women in Flight scholarship program encourages exceptional women to become professional pilots.

CAE will provide financial support to aspiring female pilots by awarding five full scholarships, across its global training network.

Five CAE airline-mentored cadet training programs have been selected for this first edition of the CAE Women in Flight scholarship, and one scholarship will be granted per program.

Five candidates will each receive a fully paid scholarship to cover the entire cost of their cadet pilot training, including accommodation and travel, applicable to one of CAE's participating airline-mentored cadet training programs.

Upon successful completion of training, the selected candidates will either commence or have the opportunity to secure their first pilot job and fly with one of the participating airlines.

Aeromexico, AirAsia, CityJet, easyJet and a fifth operator to mentor the program.

For further information visit: www.cae.com

L3 Pilot Pathways Female Scholarship Integrated ATPL

L3 are offering 10 female scholarships awarding £25,000 each towards the costs of training off their Integrated ATPL course, to take them from cadet to co-pilot.

The L3 Pilot Pathways Female Scholarship is open to women from the UK and Europe with the first three scholarships to be awarded in the first quarter of 2019 and the remaining throughout 2019.

The candidates will be evaluated on their performance during the selection process for the ATPL training program and three short questions on why they deserve the scholarship. There will be no additional eligibility criteria to apply.

The female scholarship is part of the L3 Pilot Pathways program which is a broader commitment to improving the accessibility

of training to aspiring pilots from all backgrounds. Additional scholarships and initiatives from the L3 Pilot Pathways program will be unveiled throughout 2019.

For further information visit: www.l3airlineacademy.com

Virgin Atlantic Future Flyers Programme

Virgin Atlantic is one of the world's most iconic airlines and is working with L3 Airline Academy to deliver innovative solutions for airline pilot training.

Selected and mentored by Virgin Atlantic from day one, successful applicants will embark upon a route of training that will take them to the role of First Officer on Airbus A330 aircraft, flying long-haul routes across the globe.

Throughout training, cadets will join fellow trainee airline pilots to experience the skies in spectacular parts of the world; as well as sharing adventures and making new friends that will last a lifetime.

Successful graduation from this MPL route will provide the pilot with a Multi-crew Pilot Licence on A330 aircraft, ATPL Theoretical Knowledge and examination passes and A330 Type Rating.

Upon commencement of First Officer flying with Virgin Atlantic, the pilot will continue to gain Line Oriented Experience (LOE) which will conclude with a final 'line check' with a Virgin Atlantic training captain. This experience may also contribute towards your BSc Degree (if elected as an option).

- Fully mentored and supported program from L3 Airline Academy with Virgin Atlantic
- Employment as a First Officer on Airbus A330 aircraft with Virgin Atlantic on successful completion of training
- Access to a 'Training Bond Sponsorship' solution from L3 Airline Academy and repayment of 'Training Bond' (over nine years) in addition to salary once fully employed by Virgin Atlantic
- Option to include the Middlesex University BSc (honours) degree.

For further information visit:

www.l3airlineacademy.com/career-programs/virgin





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From taster days to full Private Pilots Licences, there really are some fantastic scholarship and bursary offers to be taken advantage of for a wide variety of flying disciplines.

This guide is not exclusive to the aviation newcomer, any pilot can use this listing to touch base with some of the amazing flying organisations that serve our industry and hobby so well.

Aerobility



Aerobility leaves 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 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 charities patrons include the Douglas Bader foundation named after the famous World War Two fighter pilot who lost the use of both his legs.

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.

For more information about Aerobility visit:

www.aerobility.com

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Adrian Swire Charitable Trust

Funding for one FI(R) (fixed-wing) scholarship - 'The Swire Scholarship'

For Further information visit: www.airpilots.org/career-matters/scholarships/

Air BP

Funding for one PPL (fixed-wing) scholarship - 'The Air BP Sterling Scholarship'

For Further information visit: www.airpilots.org/career-matters/scholarships/

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 fast jets are up for grabs.

The RAF Air Cadets provides funding for plenty of exciting flying opportunities to its 40,000 members, from looping a Grob Tutor to going solo in a Viking glider.

For many people the Air Cadets is often the first step towards a flying career with the forces or commercial airlines. Offering 12 to 20-year-olds a variety flying courses from absolute beginner, to private pilots' licence (PPL) level.

Divided into six regions the RAF's cadet force has 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 at Tayside Aviation in Dundee. The civilian flying school provides 12 hours flying tuition so cadets can progress beyond their first solo.

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

Cadets must be 16 years old and to 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).

Flying Scholarships

There are several PPL, NPPL and gliding scholarships available to Air Cadets each year. These are sponsored by the Royal Aero Club, the Air League Educational Trust, the RAF Charitable Trust, the Geoffrey DeHavilland 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 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.

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 Flight's (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 complete aerobatics.

Founded in 1948, the AEF is part of the ATC'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 visit:

www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets/

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The Air League Educational Trust



With over £2 Million worth of flying scholarships allocated over the past decade The Air League Educational Trust is showing no signs of slowing for 2019.

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 both flying and engineering scholarships, advanced flying bursaries to existing licence holders as well as advising 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 around 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 South Warwickshire Flying School, Tayside Aviation, Booker Aviation and -TBC - Oxford.

Scholarships may also be completed at any Air League member flying school or endorsed RAF flying clubs. If the winner has commenced their flying training, a local non-Air League LAPL training organisation maybe used to completion.

The flying scholarship is open to young Air League members who are between 18 and 26-years-of-age, that are U.K residents and have a minimum of 5 GCSE/SCE passes, at C/3 grade or above, including English Language and Mathematics.

Being 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 advance flying training costs, The Air League's Gliding Scholarship is intended for young pilots who have 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 it.

Aerobatic, cross-country 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.

All the names of successful 2019 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.

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

Gliding to Solo Scholarships Scheme

Inspiring gliding taster days followed by the chance to be accepted on The Air League's Gliding to Solo Scholarship Scheme (GSSS) 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 Scheme. Supported by British Airways, Boeing and global law firm Linklaters, three students from each associated collage 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 2019

Want training on a vintage bi-plane or renew a lapsed rating? The Air League's Flying Bursary can help you.

The flying bursary programme offers 3-5 hours of advanced flying training to current Private Pilot's Licence (PPL) holders as well as those yet to gain their licence. This is a changed that has been made to the bursaries this year and allows candidates to use the funds to gain initial flying experiences as well-advanced flying training.

In order to apply, you must be a permanent resident of the UK and either be or become a member of The Air League.

Flying Scholarships for Disabled Veterans

The Air League and Boeing, in collaboration with Help for Heroes and Aerobility, offer offering numerous flying scholarships for disabled veterans/service personnel.

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

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Air Pilots Benevolent Fund

Funding for several PPL (fixed-wing) scholarships

For further information visit: www.airpilots.org/career-matters/scholarships/

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.

Cadet's activities will include retrieving gliders, glider handling, daily sailplane inspections and radio communications. Helping successful applicants 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-of age, the prime objective of the course is introducing them 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 U.K.

Founded in 1956 the club operates from its own 100-acre airfield located on the edge of the Cotswolds at Nympsfield.

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

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The British Aerobatic Association



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

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

Get Into Aeros

In 2018 the BAeA hosted two Get Into Aeros events, gliding at Lasham and powered flight at Sleaf. Both events gave 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 2019.

Once again Lasham Gliding Society generously hosted the gliding event, offering a considerable discount to twenty junior glider pilots and giving the BAeA exclusive use of their two ASK 21's. In addition, two Foxes were also made available, one belonging to Maz Makari and the other to Guy Westgate.



Students came from as far afield as Aboyne, Truro and Ashford. Ages ranged from 25 down to 13.

More than fifty training flights were completed. Two BGA Standard badges and one Intermediate badge were achieved. Everyone learned much about the glider's and their own capabilities and will go home as safer pilots.

Get Into Aeros, powered-flying event at Sleaford Aerodrome - hosted by Shropshire Aero Club, is for the younger generation of aerobatic pilots to learn more about flying-competition and how to get in to into the sport.

With 90 applicants, the difficult selection process was undertaken by a panel of four. For 2019 the team hope that those who were unable to come along might join us at other events to find out more about aerobatics.

In 2018, participants took part in several activities, all with the aim of understanding more about competition aerobatics. This included, a fireside chat with multiple British Aerobatic Champion and Red Bull Air Race World Champion Nigel Lamb.

In addition to this, a session on the judging line understanding more about what the judges are looking for; two training flights, both of which were scored by our judges; and, a presentation on the World Intermediate Aerobatics Championships in South Africa.

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

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British Airways



British Airways works in partnership with The Air League Trust to provide gliding scholarships to young people in our local communities.

Our scholarships aim to give students the opportunity to kick start their flying career. The scholarship involves several steps, all designed to give students an insight to flying, the recruitment process and ultimately the chance to pilot a glider solo.

For further information visit: www.airleague.co.uk

Gliding to Solo

This unique two-week training scholarship includes:

All your flying fees which equates to approximately 35-40 flights, membership fees for the gliding club, travel to and from the scholarship location/accommodation for the duration of the scholarship and The Air League Trust membership for a year

If you study hard throughout your scholarship and the weather is kind, you should reach solo standard within this course.

The Air League membership then opens the opportunity to get



involved in numerous aviation activities to help you develop your career path including the opportunity to apply for a further scholarship or bursary.

All students who are selected for the scholarship will also be offered a work experience placement at British Airways.

Complete an online application via the British Airways Careers Website when applications open. Check the dates on the job advert to ensure you are available for interview, taster days and scholarship dates.

For further information visit:

careers.ba.com/work-experience-inspire-gliding-scholarship

www.airleague.co.uk

British Gliding Association



At heights 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 'perfect' airmanship skills.

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

A known fact is that the BGA is a helpful resource to anybody interested in the sport of gliding, and one that offers a three-tier system of bursaries and scholarships.

BGA Administered Schemes

First. 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.

BGA Third Party Bursaries

Are offered by the Air League Educational Trust, Caroline Trust, Honourable Company of Air Pilots, Royal Aero Club Trust and

Upward Bound Trust.

Details about the BGA's third party bursaries are listed under each individual organisation.

BGA Club Bursary Schemes

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

Junior Gliding Centres

The British Gliding Association has set up a network of Junior Gliding Centres (JGCs) to help you get what you want out of the sport.

Each centre is part of a leading BGA affiliated club and is just the place to meet up with other young pilots, develop your gliding skills and have a great time.

Everything is set up so that you'll feel part of the gang from day one and can get straight down (or up!) to flying and having fun.

University Gliding

University gliding clubs offer students a fantastic start in gliding. Usually based at the local gliding club, University clubs have excellent access to modern fleets of training aircraft and some of the larger university clubs even have their own gliders and instructors.

These clubs are often subsidised by the university and offer very good rates on flying to help cash-strapped students into the air.

Each year there is an inter-uni competition. This week provides a focal point for all university glider pilots. The competition rewards everything from going solo to doing a 500km racing task. There are also some fantastic evenings after the flying has finished.

For more information about the BGA visit: www.gliding.co.uk

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British Microlight Aircraft Association



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 very own flying school, Rob's story of flying success is something that the BMAA want to repeat by helping fund a NPPL in 2019.

As present members hang-up their flying suits, the BMAA developed the Young Persons' Bursary as part of a legacy programme to look for future ambassadors of the sport between the ages whom can demonstrate an interest in microlighting.

Wanting to reward the enthusiastic youngster that shows up every weekend to get a flight is exactly who the BMAA want to support by making the NPPL a little step closer.

By cutting down flying costs to its members, The British Microlight Aircraft Association takes care of the interests of microlight pilots across the U.K and is approved by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

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

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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 2018.

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.

In 2018, five scholarships were offered – two flying scholarships and three ATPL ground school scholarship and previously the BWPA have offered several residential course gliding scholarships: Virgin Atlantic, the Air Pilots Flying Club, the Benevolent Fund, and the Air Safety Trust.

Awarded by Air Total the BWPA Air Total Flying Futures Scholarship 2018, to the value of £1000, is for a flying project which describes a realistic, feasible, well-planned and interesting project which also has a high chance of completion.

The BWPA Dame Margaret Joan Anstee Scholarship 2018, awarded £500 to a female pilot who demonstrated the intention to lead a strong aviation-related life. The funds are to be used towards gaining a qualification in any type of flying which is integral to those plans.

Last year, one full-fee Scholarship for ATPL ground School was donated by CATS and two half-fee Scholarships by BGS, and we thank both organisations for their ongoing support for BWPA.

Formed in 1955 the non-profit making organisation supports women who fly, and women who have yet to try it. Run by volunteers, today BWPA membership includes student pilots, airline captains and military pilots.

BWPA are soon to announce details for their 2019 scholarship programme.

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

FACEBOOK: British Women Pilots' Association

MESSAGE: @Bwpa.uk

TWITTER: @BWPA_UK

Cadogan Charitable Trust

Funding for one PPL (fixed-wing) scholarship - 'The Cadogan Scholarship'

For further information visit: www.airpilots.org/career-matters/scholarships/

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.

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 visit: www.cotswold.com

FACEBOOK: Cotswold Airport Aviation Scholarship

TWITTER: @Cotswoldairport

INSTAGRAM: Cotswold Airport

De Havilland Educational Trust



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

At the present time, the De Havilland Educational Trust have yet to decide how they are going to allocate funds for 2019. However, they have informed FTN that: "We are providers of bursaries for flying and engineering. 'Please contact us to tell us what assistance would be most helpful'."

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: dheth@dhmothclub.co.uk



The Fly2Help Aim High Scholarship



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

Fly2Help's Aim High is a free to join scholarship for young people aged 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.

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.

The week-long courses, based at Biggin Hill, Gloucester and Oxford airports, can cater for 10 students and finishes with a presentation which is attended by parents.

For 2019 Fly2Help are looking to run some Aim High taster days for local schools and groups.

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

FACEBOOK: Fly2Help

MESSAGE: @Fly2Help

TWITTER: @Fly2Help

INSTAGRAM: Fly2Help

Flying Scholarships for Disabled People



Disabled people with a thirst for aviation and adventure are 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 individual's there is no specific target or standard of achievement as to what is accomplished. 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

FACEBOOK: Flying Scholarships for Disabled People

MESSAGE: @Flyingscholarshipsfordisabledpeople

TWITTER: @FSFDP

INSTAGRAM: FSDP

Foyle Charitable Trust

Funding for one FI(R) (fixed-wing) scholarship - 'The Foyle Scholarship'

For further information visit: www.airpilots.org/career-matters/scholarships/

The Girls Venture Corps Air Cadets



Offering many opportunities and experiences from 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.

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

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.

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

FACEBOOK: National Girls Venture Corps Air Cadets

MESSAGE: @Girlsventurecorpsaircadets

TWITTER: @GVCAC

Heli Air Helicopter Pilot Scholarships Programme



Heli Air's Helicopter Pilot Scholarship is set to return in 2019 by offering three unique funded rotary courses for which you can apply for on completion of your PPL (H) training with Heli Air.

Advance Training Turbine Helicopter Type Rating

Fancy a free Robinson R66 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 U.K.

The CPL(H) flying course in will be completed in the world class Robinson R22 helicopter and 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 any of the funding back.

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

FACEBOOK: Heli Air

MESSAGE: @HeliAiruk

TWITTER: @HeliAiruk

INSTAGRAM: Heli Air Ltd

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Helicentre Aviation Academy Professional Helicopter Scholarships



Helicentre needs you! Helicopter scholarships worth more than £70,000 available. To be part of the success story, Helicentre are seeking applicants to hop-on to their 2019 programme.

The scope of funding and opportunity provided is unlike any other scholarship of its kind. Two full Scholarships will be awarded in 2019, a Commercial Pilot (CPL(H) scholarship and a Flight Instructor (FI(H) scholarship.

The programme has been extremely successful, providing the scholarship 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

FACEBOOK: Helicentre

MESSENGER: @Helicentreuk

TWITTER: @Flyhelicentre

INSTAGRAM: Helicentre Aviation

Helping Wings Jersey

Helping Wings is a Jersey charity with the aim of sharing the excitement of flying with local disadvantaged children and teenagers who would not otherwise get the chance.

In 2018 the aviation charity offered 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.

Since 2008 with the support of our members, partners and pilots,



over 150 children have enjoyed a day out at the aero club.

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

FACEBOOK: Helping Wings Jersey

MESSENGER: @Helpingwings.jersey

The Honourable Company of Air Pilots



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.

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 as pilots by offering free flying scholarships and bursaries.

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 Pilots is fortunate to receive generous sponsorship from several sources to fund flying scholarships which are administered by the Company.

In 2018, 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
- Additionally, in 2018, there were a number of residential course Gliding Scholarships available: Virgin Atlantic, the Air Pilots Flying Club, the Benevolent Fund, and the Air Safety Trust.

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 by funding from the Air Pilots' Flying Club and the Air Pilots Benevolent Fund. As these scholarship's 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 as they achieve their Fixed Wing Flying Instructor Certificate.

For more information about The Honourable Company of Air Pilots visit: www.airpilots.org

TWITTER: @Airpilotsco

Light Aircraft Association



The Light Aircraft Association increased the number of young pilots being offered bursaries to five for its 2018-2019 Armstrong-Isaacs programme.

The five 2018-2019 Armstrong-Isaacs Bursaries are open to any pilot under the age of 30 currently in UK PPL training, contributing up to £1,500 to assist in the completion of their course.

Talking about the 2018 scheme, Steve Slater, LAA CEO and Armstrong-Isaacs said: "These funds offer support to young pilots who have already demonstrated their commitment to flying, by getting to solo standard at their own expense."

"However, the latter stages of the PPL are particularly financially challenging, with longer cross-country flights requiring greater outlay in aircraft rental costs. These bursaries may enable students to complete their training."

Plans for a 2019 bursary are in the planning stages. In the past, The Light Aircraft Association's Armstrong/Isaacs Foundation scholarship have provided an annual UK National Private Pilot Licence (NPPL) scholarship to a young member of the Light Aircraft Association (LAA).

In addition to the flying scholarship, the LAA work with Scouts,



Air-Scouts and Air Cadets, for young people to experience aviation and achieve their badges.

For more information about the Light Aircraft Association visit:

www.lightaircraftassociation.co.uk

FACEBOOK: Light Aircraft Association

MESENTER: @Lightaircraftassociation

ManSat Scholarship



**Entries open for 2019
ManSat scholarships to
NASA United Space School!**

Every year, in cooperation
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.

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, The Mike Langley Foundation wants to raise money from the aviation industry to help young pilots attain their commercial wings.



Mr Langley, who started flying at the age of 17, 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.

A founder member of Kura Aviation and the head of its Advisory Board, Mr Langley was diagnosed with terminal cancer in 2016.

Named after the man who had a reputation for never retiring it's expected that the foundation will help anyone with a passion for flying.

For more information on The Mike Langley Foundation visit:

mikelangleyfoundation.org

www.kuraaviation.com

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TWITTER: @Kuraaviation

INSTAGRAM: Kura Aviation

Nick Davidson Memorial Flying Scholarship

Gain a full Private Pilot's Licence by 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 2018. Including ground school and examinations. Worth £12,000 in overall value, 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 Supply Company and the Bamrah family. Flying training will be allocated to instructors at the Surrey and Kent Flying Club.

Talking about the scholarship, Alina, Mr Davidsons 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."

Young people aged between 16 and 26 can apply for the

scholarships, worth £12,000 each, which will provide training to the international Private Pilot Licence (PPL) standard. Scholarship winners can look forward to 45 hours of flying and a ground school programme of nine specialist subjects, with topics ranging from Air Law to Navigation. All textbooks and equipment are included.

One scholarship is funded by the family of the late BA Captain Nick Davidson, who undertook his initial pilot training at London Biggin Hill. The Nick Davidson Flying Scholarship scheme was launched in his memory by his family in 2014. The second scholarship is funded by the airport.

Andy Patsalides, marketing manager, London Biggin Hill Airport says: "The Nick Davidson Flying Scholarship scheme is an excellent opportunity for local young people interested in becoming pilots or finding employment within the aviation sector. Past scholarship winners have gone on to pursue a number of exciting career paths in air transport, commercial aviation and the military.

"Steven Inch, 2015 scholar, has since been accepted into the Royal Air Force and is now proudly serving as Flying Officer Steven Inch RAF, flying the Tucano, the lead-in trainer for the Typhoon. The recipient of the first London Biggin Hill Airport-funded scholarship in 2017, Ben Akhtar, has qualified for his PPL and is now taking the next steps towards a role on the flight deck of a commercial airliner."

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

FACEBOOK: Nick Davidson Memorial Flying Scholarship

Past Master Mike Grayburn

Funding for one PPL (fixed-wing) scholarship - 'The Grayburn Scholarship'

For further information visit: www.airpilots.org/career-matters/scholarships/

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The Royal Aero Club Trust



The Royal Aero Club Trust presented 50 bursaries in 2018 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 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.

Four categories of Bursaries include:

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 to enable flyers upgrade equipment or to gain further qualifications.

Follow-on (Advanced) Bursaries to enable well qualified air sports persons 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 (e.g. to gain an instructor qualification).

Bursaries are available to U.K residents between the ages of 14 and 21-years-old, with a Follow-On (Advanced) Bursaries up to 24-years-old.

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

FACEBOOK: The Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom

MESENTER: @RAeCUK

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 its 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:

Final year MEng students

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

National programmes to encourage young people's interest in the aviation industry and aerospace engineering.

These 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

FACEBOOK: Royal Aeronautical Society

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TWITTER: @Aerosociety

INSTAGRAM: Royal Aeronautical Society

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.

Winning candidates are rewarded with a course of 35-hours flight training in a

light aircraft, for the 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.

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.



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 2019.

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

FACEBOOK: RAF Association

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The RAF Charitable Trust Junior Rank Pilot Scholarship Scheme



The Junior Rank Pilot Scholarship Scheme (JRPSS) 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 2019 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 visit: www.jrpfly.co.uk

FACEBOOK: Royal Airforce Charitable Trust

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TWITTER: @RAFCharitable

INSTAGRAM: RAF Charitable Trust



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.

The 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.fleetairarmoa.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 oldest 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.

www.scouts.org.uk

FACEBOOK: The Scouts

MESSENGER: @Scoutsassociation

TWITTER: @UKScouting

INSTAGRAM: Scouts

The Strathaven Young Persons Bursary

To create success and give back to the local community, Strathaven Airfield created its very own scholarship.

The bursary is worth approximately £2,500 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 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.

Strathaven have not released plans for their 2019 Young Persons Bursary at the time of press. For more information visit:

www.strathavenairfield.co.uk

FACEBOOK: Strathaven Airfield

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TWITTER: @Strathavenair

TAG Farnborough Airport

Funding for one PPL (fixed-wing) scholarship - 'The TAG Flying Scholarship'

For further information visit: www.airpilots.org/career-matters/scholarships/

The Take-Off Scholarship

Take Off will be providing five Flying Scholarships in the Summer of 2019 for Perth area RAF Cadets and through donations by the Perth Forces Charitable Trust and Blackadders Solicitors, as well as through existing Take Off funds.

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 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.

For more information about The Take-Off Scholarship visit:

www.take-off.org.uk

FACEBOOK: Take Off

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Ultimate Aerobatics



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Hot of the press for 2019 is a 'hot' new aerobatic scholarship from Ultimate Aerobatics in partnership with Total UK.

Operating out of White Waltham with West London Aero Club, Ultimate Aerobatics fly an exciting assemblage of high-performance aircraft which includes the iconic Pitt's S-2A, Extra 230 and even a World War 2 vintage RAF Harvard trainer.

Ultimate Aerobatics is captained by the extremely capable Mike and Emily Collett, who are both active competition pilots and whom have both represented the British National Aerobatic team in competitions across the globe.

The goal of Ultimate Aerobatics is to let more people know about our sport, provide aerobatic training and experiences bringing the graceful discipline of aerobatics to a wider audience.

With the final touches of Ultimate Aerobatics sponsorship scheme being drafted we are unable to surmise exactly what the award will consist-of, however, we have been informed that it will be something quite special and we will publish new information when it becomes available.

For further information visit: www.ultimateaerobatics.co.uk

FACEBOOK: Ultimate Aerobatics

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INSTAGRAM: Ultimate Aerobatics

University Air Squadron



The 15 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 potential.

University Air Squadron (UAS) members receive a high standard of free flying instruction from serving RAF personnel and 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



After a busy 2018 the Upward Bound Gliding Trust are in the process of moving to a new site once air operations ceased at Haddenham Airfield on the 9 December 2018.

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

FACEBOOK: Upward Bound Trust Gliding Club

MESSANGER: @Ubtgliding



The Vintage Aircraft Club

Liz Inwood Taildragger Scholarship

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.

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.

Each year the VAC has great difficulty choosing a scholarship winner because of the high standard of applicants.

For more information about the Vintage Aircraft Club, visit:

www.vintageaircraftclub.org.uk

FACEBOOK: The Vintage Aircraft Club

TWITTER: @Vintaeroclub





The Air League talk to FTN about how their scholarship and bursary schemes work

Flight Training News asked Tiina Conacher from The Air League about the latest Air League scholarships and bursaries, their future-plans and the best ways the aviation community can assist in the scheme.

FTN: How long has the Air League been offering flying scholarships / bursaries?

Air League: For over 50 years. Previous scholars include the likes of Major Tim Peake CMG who launched his flying career with an Air League scholarship.

FTN: How many applicants do the Air League Flying Scholarships and Bursaries generally get? And, how has this number changed over the last couple of years?

Air League: The scholarships are extremely popular, and numbers continue to rise annually. The 12-hour flying scholarships are especially sought after.

FTN: How many flying scholarships – gliding and flying does the Air League award annually?

Air League: We offer approximately 60 flying and gliding scholarships and bursaries annually.

We also offer hundreds of air experience flights annually with the support of sponsors such as British Airways and Boeing. These 'taster days' are aimed at a younger cohort of individuals wishing to try out both gliding and powered flying and to gain additional knowledge about the aviation and aerospace industries from workshops that are run alongside the flights. We aim to inspire people into aviation and through aviation.

FTN: What sort of qualities does an Air League Scholarship / Bursaries winner have to demonstrate?

Air League: The qualities we look for in our scholars varies somewhat depending on the scholarship/ bursary on offer. For instance, the 12-hour flying scholarships are very much aimed at aspiring military/ commercial pilots. Therefore, we look for individuals who demonstrate the right behaviours such as leadership and team-working as well as having the aptitude to succeed in their future profession.

For all the scholarships, we are keen that the scholars demonstrate a keen interest and passion for flying and our industries and has thought about how they will use the scholarship/ bursary to further their flying aspirations, whatever they may be.

FTN: Does being a scholarship winner have to undertake a career in aviation?

Air League: Not necessarily. Some of the scholarships are intended to inspire people through aviation (rather than into aviation) by giving them new opportunities to experience something that they have not had access to previously. Learning skills critical within aviation such as communication and leadership skills will help young people to go forward in any industry, not just aviation. Not to mention improving their self-confidence by teaching them to fly, something that many thought they would never have the chance to experience.

FTN: What is the future for Air League Scholarships?

Air League: We are working hard on diversifying our scholarship portfolio. The future of the Air League scholarships is to try to reach out to as many young people as possible as well as focussing on giving life-changing opportunities to some. Watch this space.



We are looking to work with more schools, universities and youth groups such as Air Cadets to make a real difference going forward.

FTN: How can the aviation community help ensure the future and quality of the Air League's flying scholarships and bursaries?

Air League: The Aviation Community can support the Air League as well as the next generation of aviators by being open and inclusive.

Together, we need to provide young people with further information about how to get into our industry, what it takes to become, for example, a pilot and breaking down barriers to entry. It's still a closed club in many ways with the fortunate few gaining access to through contacts they already have or through having the financial means to pay for their training. Raising awareness of our scholarship schemes beyond our traditional audience will ensure that we are reaching out to a wider cohort and therefore being able to identify the right talent for the future.

The Air League could not run the scholarship programme without the assistance of sponsors and supporters. We are very grateful to all of them for their continued support.

We continue to improve and evolve our scholarship and flying opportunities annually. We also offer engineering, space and disabled veterans' scholarships as part of our annual programme.

In 2018/2019, we changed the scholarship application criteria in order to make it more inclusive. Now, Air League members up to the age of 35 may apply for the 12-hour flying scholarships



as we recognise that there is a growing number of slightly older candidates who are looking to begin a flying career. Also, flying bursaries now welcome applications from all members wishing to either use the bursary for additional training post-PPL or use it towards initial flying training.

To apply for the scholarships, you need to be an Air League member: <https://www.airleague.co.uk/membership/>

Membership rates have recently been reduced to make joining the Air League more affordable. As well as having access to the scholarships, we have an active schedule of events that members have access to. Especially younger members will benefit from the Leading Edge's activities which include socials as well as industry visits organised by an active group of volunteers.

We also welcome any expressions of interest from any youth groups, schools or universities as we are able to offer membership packages for larger groups.

For any enquiries around memberships, please contact: membership@airleague.co.uk

Gaining a scholarship – a case study

Andy Fisher was awarded a 12-hour flying scholarship from the Air League in 2016. Sponsored by The Swire Charitable Trust, the award was completed in a two-week period during June taking full advantage of the perfect summer flying weather.

Banbury resident Andy, who was 19 at the time, chose to complete his scholarship at the nearby Wellesbourne Mountford Airfield with South Warwickshire Flying School (SWFS). He chose this school partly because SWFS is one of the approved Air League schools, and partly because Wellesbourne is home to the impressive Cold war Vulcan bomber XM655, whose distinctive stoic silhouette dwarfs the many Cessnas and Pipers that frequent the popular airfield.

The process of being awarded the Air League scholarship started months before when he was made aware of the scheme whilst serving with his local Air Training Corps Squadron.

Talking about the Air League scholarship application process Andy said: "First things first, I had to register my interest to partake in the scheme by becoming a Leading-Edge member of the Air League. Really it was a very simple process by completing the form.

"Other benefits of being a Leading-Edge member included careers advice, a mentorship programme and access to industry events plus military and commercial site visits. So, it was a no-brainer for me to join."

Once Andy had become a member of the Air League, the next step was to complete the Flying Scholarship application form, where he focused on his previous aviation experiences drawn from being a member of Air Cadets, schooling achievements and his intention to map out a career within the aviation industry.

"The most challenging aspect of the application process was attending the Officer and Aircrew Selection Centre at RAF Cranwell for an aptitude test," said Andy adding: "The Air League sent us to the prestigious air force college for a full day of intense testing, with the worse part about it being you cannot revise for aptitude tests. It's really a huge step into the unknown.

"One of the most difficult parts of the day was calculating speed-distance calculations presented in different derivatives in



under 20 seconds. After the aptitude tests was a face-to-face interview that really dug deep into my application and how I would use the scholarship to further myself and to encourage others.

"Once I had passed, looking back, not only did I find the challenging nature of the course a great confidence booster, but also an eye-opener to the level of concentration and commitment a young pilot will need."

Successful graduates of the Cranwell aptitude assessment course are presented with a score and cannot re-take the assessment again before 12-months have elapsed. So, scholarship applicants who are pursuing a military flying career within a year will be unable to re-take the assessment and must use their initial score.

Andy describes the beginning of the flying phase at Welles-



bourne which: "Started off by getting a baseline of my existing flying skills such as aircraft general handling and advancing from there. The part I particularly enjoyed was practising the dramatic stall recovery in preparation for my solo flight.

"Another fantastic part of the scholarship is the choice to decide how you want to best use your allocated 12-hours of flying time. For me personally, I wanted to build on previous flying experiences I'd gained flying whilst with the Air Cadets. For my time at Wellesbourne this meant leaving the circuit and developing my navigational skills and en-route operating procedures, which I'm pleased to have successfully managed."

Now studying for a degree in Aerospace Engineering at Coventry University, Andy says that the Air League award has benefited him by achieving a further practical and theoretical understanding of the subject that is not covered in lectures, declaring: "I am more aware of the bigger picture, as I am now able to look at engineering issues from a pilot's perspective.

"In addition to this, I feel the scholarship has cemented my passion for aviation whilst giving me an opportunity I would not have otherwise had. Once I have graduated from University, my next goal is to complete my Private Pilot's Licence."



Sponsorship and Scholarship NEWS

Engineering students to 'reach for the sky'

A PIONEERING project between Trent Valley Gliding Club in Lincolnshire and North Lindsey College of FE/HE in Scunthorpe is inspiring high-flying engineering technology students to 'Aim for the Sky'.

The ground-breaking partnership is funded as part of the National Collaborative Outreach Programme (NCOP) and will see 208 students experience training flights as pilots under instruction, take part in briefings about the theory of flight, meteorology and navigation, and get involved with airfield operations.

Yvonne Elliott, Schools and Colleges lead for the British Gliding Association, said: "This project is a superb example of how gliding provides excellent ground work for many careers, not just aviation or aerospace, through engaging opportunities for young people linked to science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM)."

This 'Aim for the Sky' programme will last for two weeks per cohort until June 2019 and see 208 students from the College and local secondary schools access this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. All the sessions will take place at Trent Valley Gliding Club Ltd based at Kirton in Lindsey in North Lincolnshire with each student being

able to benefit from pilot tutoring over three free glider flights. Students will have a full 12 hours of experience both practical and theoretical over two weeks. Encouraging students to access these types of opportunity opens their eyes to potential new careers and gives them a useful insight into the aviation industry say the organisers.

Chairman of Trent Valley Gliding Club, Geoffrey Davey, said: "Having colleges and schools come through the club means we are putting something back into the community and enabling young people to have an introduction into gliding and aviation – something they might never have considered."

"It's also a great way of showing teamwork and leadership in action at the club, with everyone at the airfield working together to teach lectures and run the launch point to get students airborne."

"The Humberside region contains many employers that use safety critical skills and analysis in their everyday operations. This course primarily allows students to have the experience of working in and understanding the aviation industry, but also the skills and the ability to follow engineering procedures in a safety critical environment."

"This programme will help raise aspirations and enable students to experience aviation from



the perspective of pilot, ground crew, technicians and operations, realising the potential of individuals to succeed in an industry discounted by many as impossible."

Pete Stratten, Chief Executive Officer for the British Gliding Association, added: "Gliding is an accessible sport for all and projects like these are a great way of inspiring young people through aviation experiences."

"Gliding provides opportunities for developing technical skills but also team working, communication and leadership, with many young people involved in the sport going on to a career in flying, engineering or other professional role

within aviation and aerospace."

Gliding Instructor Richard Malam from Trent Valley Gliding Club spoke of the new programme and his enthusiasm for the partnership: "We love teaching gliding skills to young people. Taking them up on their first flights in a glider and sharing their excitement at the views from up there makes it all worthwhile for us."

Final word goes to Level 3 Electrical Engineering student, Ben Rozewicz: "It's really cool, this experience is not something that happens a lot and it's different. I feel a bit nervous but I'm in safe hands."

HCAP 2019 PPL scholarship applications to close soon

Applications the 2019 Honourable Company of Air Pilots (HCAP) Private Pilots Licence scholarships will close on the 28th February.

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 training, these scholarships can take a candidate with little or no experience to completion of their flying licence during the course of the summer; alternatively they can 'finish off' someone who is already partially trained. The scholarships are awarded entirely on merit as evidenced on the completed application form and as assessed by a selection committee appointed by the Company. Candidates must be 17 or over on 1 June 2019 and the course must be completed by the beginning of October.

Applications are welcome from candidates world-wide. International candidates should be aware that, if called to interview, the candidate must make their own arrangements to attend interview in person in London. Training must be take place at a UK flying school. All candidates should be aware that the scholarships only cover the cost of flying training and licence issue; no provision is made for transport, accommodation, subsistence etc.

TAG Farnborough Airport launches 2019 Flying Scholarship

TAG Farnborough Airport has launched the TAG Flying Scholarship 2019. Under the auspices of the Honourable Company of Air Pilots' scholarship programme, TAG Farnborough Airport grants one person a scholarship with the aim of supporting individuals who might otherwise not have the necessary resources to gain flying experience and ultimately achieve their Private Pilot's Licence (PPL). The TAG Flying Scholarship is part of the airport's 'Aviation to Education' programme. Now in its 12th year, the programme engages schools and colleges within the local area to inform and educate about aviation.

Brandon O'Reilly, CEO TAG Farnborough Airport, said: "We are keen to encourage young people to not only become involved in the world of aviation but also reach their full potential and are extremely proud to support this initiative through our community engagement."

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