

151 Hidden Acres Circle
Windsor, VA 23487
March 31, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

The Tidewater Soaring Foundation grants three scholarships annually for individuals between the ages of 14 and 22 for flight training leading to solo flight in a glider. Flight training will be conducted by the Tidewater Soaring Society at the Garner Airport in Isle of Wight County. The scholarship includes 35 instructional flights, study materials, and membership in both the Soaring Society of America and the Tidewater Soaring Society for the scholarship period. Scholarship recipients will be expected to fly at least two days per month; flight operations are conducted primarily on weekends throughout the year. The scholarship period will commence June 1 and all flights must be completed within one year. Applications will be judged by an independent panel of aviation experts with interest in aviation and financial need as the primary criteria.

The application form is attached; applications for the scholarship should be mailed to the address above and must be received no later than May 2, 2011. Applicants must reach their 14th birthday by the application deadline. You may contact me at 757 242-3491 or by email to lbmathias@verizon.net for any questions regarding the scholarship.

Sincerely,

Linda B. Mathias
TSF Scholarship Coordinator

TIDEWATER SOARING FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. Personal information

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____

Email address _____

Date of birth _____

Parent or guardian _____

2. Academic information

Name/location of school currently attending _____

Grade or years completed _____

3. Aviation-related experience/involvement

4. Extracurricular activities _____

5. Describe your financial need _____

6. Are you willing to work at the gliderport to help out with soaring operations or self-help projects of the club during the scholarship period? _____ Yes _____ No

7. Required attachments

- a. Letter of recommendation from teacher, counselor, or minister
- b. Essay on why you want to be a glider pilot
- c. Copy of your latest school grade report