

*Learn to Fly! Soar with the Eagles!*

## **Flight Scholarship Announcement**

The Tidewater Soaring Foundation grants 3 scholarships annually to individuals between the ages of 14 and 22 for flight training in a glider.



### **Deadline:**

Applications must be received via postal mail or Email by March 15, 2021.

### **Award:**

The scholarship award includes 35 instructional flights, study materials, and membership in both the Soaring Society of America (SSA) and the Tidewater Soaring Society (TSS), for the scholarship period. The scholarship period will commence June 1, 2021 and flights must be completed within one year.

Flight training is conducted by Tidewater Soaring Society at Garner Gliderport located in Isle of Wight County, Virginia. All training is provided by FAA Certified Flight Instructors. TSS is located at 14212 Iron Mine Springs Rd. Windsor, VA 23487. For more information about Tidewater Soaring Society, visit: <http://www.tidewatersoaring.org/>.

### **Selection Criteria:**

- Applicants must be between the ages of 14 and 22 and must have reached their 14th birthday by the application deadline.
- Applicants must be highly motivated to learn to fly and be fully committed to the program. Recipients will be required to fly at least two days per month. Flight operations are conducted primarily on weekends throughout the year. Applicants unable to commit to the rigorous requirements of this program should not apply.
- Applications will be judged by an independent panel. A group of selected applicants will then be interviewed, to select the final recipients.

### **Required Materials:**

The selection committee will only review and rank those applications which are completed in full. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. **Application Form** – The application form (attached) should be completed by the applicant. Each area should be addressed. Please be specific.
2. **Letter of Reference** – The reference letter should be from any non-relative adult who has knowledge of the applicant's character and maturity. The letter should comment on the applicant's willingness to take personal responsibility, ability to communicate with and work with adults, and ability to remain focused and committed to assigned projects. Examples of suitable references include teachers, coaches, youth activity supervisors, and work supervisors.
3. **Essay** – The essay should be written by the applicant. It should include the name, address, email address, and contact phone number of the applicant. It should be no more than two pages in length. The essay should detail the applicant's interest in aviation and desire to learn to fly gliders.
4. **Transcript** – The applicant should include a copy of a current grade report or transcript.

Completed applications or inquiries should be directed to ([john.bryant@tpmgpc.com](mailto:john.bryant@tpmgpc.com)) or to the address below:

**Tidewater Soaring Foundation Scholarship Program**

**C/O John Bryant**

**113 Dandy Haven Lane**

**Yorktown, VA 23692**

**757-880-5645**

## Tidewater Soaring Foundation Scholarship Application

1. Personal information:

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Phone number</b>	
<b>Email address</b>	
<b>Date of Birth</b>	
<b>Name of Parent or Guardian</b>	

2. Academic information:

<b>Name of Current School</b>	
<b>Current grade or years completed</b>	

3. Describe any aviation-related experience/involvement:

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4. List all extracurricular activities:

<b>School Clubs</b>	
<b>School Sports</b>	
<b>Church and Youth Groups</b>	
<b>Volunteer Activities</b>	
<b>Work Responsibilities</b>	

5. List total family income; if appropriate, explain need for financial support:

Income:
Explanation of need:

6. Are you willing to work at the gliderport to help with soaring operations and club projects during the scholarship period?  
\_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO

7. Do you have transportation to the gliderport? \_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO

8. Availability:

List any periods of non-availability (include planned vacations, camps, sport season, work schedule, etc.)

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Can you fly on Saturdays? \_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO

Can you fly on Sundays \_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO

Can you fly on Weekdays \_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO

9. How did you find out about the Tidewater Soaring Foundation Scholarship Program?

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_