Learn to fly! Soar with the eagles!

TSS Flight Scholarship Announcement

June 18-25

9:00am-5:00pm

2026 Soaring Scholarship Camp

Our program is designed to immerse students into an efficient and intense training syllabus, combining ground training, simulator sessions, flight training and airfield ground support. The goal will be to provide the knowledge and skill level needed to prepare them for solo flight. Students will train in dual aircraft with our experienced FAA Certified flight instructors. Students must agree to attend the entire camp to be eligible for selection. The camp will run from 9:00am-5:00pm each day. Students will have priority for flights during weekdays, and on weekend mornings. They will assist in running the operations on the weekends in addition to training.

The scholarship training support will continue to be available, following the camp, on scheduled TSS training weekends based on availability of instructors until they have completed 35 flights. Upon successful completion of this program students will have had the flight and ground training needed to help them prepare for the FAA written test.

Following completion of the scholarship training requirements, students may apply for regular membership if they wish to continue to fly. Students may also apply for additional scholarships from TSF or SSA to complete their training for PPG (private pilot glider).

Selection Criteria:

- Applicants must be aged 14-22 and must have 14th birthday before application deadline
- Applicants must be highly motivated to complete the program. We ask that students respect TSS flight instructors and ground support crews who have donated their time to educate students during the camp. Applicants who are unable to provide full commitment for the duration of the program need not apply.
- Applicants must live within 50 miles of Garner Airfield:
  14212 Iron Mine Springs Rd, Windsor, VA, 23487

Required Materials:

1. Application Form - The application form (attached) should be completed by the applicant. Please address each area and be specific.
2. Letter of Reference - Reference letters must be from a non-relative adult who has knowledge of the applicant's character and maturity. Letters should gauge applicant's willingness to take 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 - Essays must be written by the applicant. They should include the applicant name, address, email address, and contact phone number. Essays should not exceed two pages in length. They 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.

Applications will be judgedby an independent panel. In early May, a group of6 selected applicants will then be interviewed to select the final 3 recipients. The interview will include an orientation flight with one of the instructors. The Tidewater Soaring Foundation grants 3 scholarships annually to individuals.

Completed applications must be received via postal mail to the address below by April 15, 2026.

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Scan here to
sign up today!

Tidewater Soaring Foundation Scholarship Application

1. Personal information:

Name	
Address	
Phone number	
Email address	
Date of Birth	
Name of Parent or Guardian	

2. Academic information:

Name of Current School	
Current grade or years completed	

3. Describe any aviation-related experience/involvement:

4. List all extracurricular activities:

School Clubs	
School Sports	
Church and Youth Groups	
Volunteer Activities	
Work Responsibilities	

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.)

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?

Signature: _____ Date: _____