

Skyline Soaring Education Foundation (SSEF) Youth Scholarship Application

The SSEF mission is to promote aviation education for young adults, by providing an opportunity to participation in the sport of soaring. This is done by providing flight scholarships to selected high school and college students, sufficient training for them to gain the knowledge and experience necessary to solo a glider. SSEF flight scholarships provide for up to 30 instructional flights in a sailplane and are intended to get the recipient to the point of solo flight. Scholarship glider flight and ground training must be provided by an SSEF endorsed organization.

Scholarship Eligibility:

- Must be a student between the age of 13 ½ and 25 years old at time of award of a scholarship.
- Complete an application including;
 - A statement (150- 300 words) why you want to fly and how it could help you reach your personal goals.
 - Evidence of academic grades (latest report card with GPA or letter of recommendation from teacher or faculty member)
- Must be able to meet the Federal Aviation Administration requirements for solo flight in a glider within 6 months of award of scholarship
 - be at least 14 years old,
 - able to read, speak and understand English,
 - have no medical defect that would make him or her unable to pilot a glider.
- If under the age of 18 must have parent's or guardian's permission

The number of scholarships to be awarded each year will be determined by the availability of funding. The awards will be made by the SSEF Board of Directors, based on the recommendation of a candidate review panel who will consider the candidate's application (including a statement indicating why they want flight training), grades and any references.

Complete this application and Mail to:

SSEF Scholarships
5305 Macomb Court
Woodbridge, Virginia 22193

Or Email to: ssefapp@earthlink.net

Scholarship Conditions and Expectations:

SSEF will:

1. Provide membership to the Soaring Society of America for one year.
2. Provide a log book and a copy of the Glider Pilot Handbook.
3. Fund up to 30 instructional flights in a sailplane to get the recipient to the point of solo flight.

4. Monitor awardees participation and progress in preparing for solo flight in a glider.
5. Scholarship funds are deposited in the name of an individual with an organization that has received SSEF endorsement to provide flight and ground training. Awards are available to the awardee solely for aviation education, including flight and ground training.
6. The Foundation does not exercise any control over any club or airport operations, nor of any flight operations taken as part of the scholarship program. Consequently, SSEF assumes no liability for any incident or accident occurring during or ancillary to such flight instruction.

Candidates accepting an SSEF scholarship award shall, in writing, agree to the following:

1. For candidates under 18, parental agreement to support the candidate's endeavor, including providing or arranging for transportation to and from the airport, supervision as necessary while at the airport, and encouragement to study.
2. Flight and ground training will be provided by an SSEF endorsed organization. The candidate is responsible for any membership fees/dues imposed by the organization providing the training.
3. Agreement that the candidate will fly no less than 4 flights per month (weather permitting) during the period of the scholarship, up to the limitations of scholarship funding.
4. Agreement that the candidate will participate in any prescribed orientation and safety meetings deemed appropriate or necessary.
5. Agreement that the candidate will participate actively in non-flying aspects of soaring, including but not limited to glider launches, retrieves, ground handling, care of equipment, and general sharing of duties such as Assistant Duty Officer. This may entail spending typically one day per month at the airport when the candidate does not fly.
6. Agreement by the candidate to engage in an appropriate level of ground training and self- or directed-study.
7. Agreement to all conditions explicit or implied by this application.

Failure to Fulfill the Above Conditions:

The SSEF Board of Directors shall retain the right to terminate the scholarship of any awardee who substantively fails to meet the conditions for acceptance of an award. Conditions for termination of a scholarship may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Failure for two or more months to attend an orientation meeting.
2. Failure to attend a mandatory safety meeting.
3. Failure for two or more months to take advantage of the scholarship by scheduling and taking flying lessons.
4. Failure to engage in sufficient ground training.
5. Failure to participate adequately in non-flying aspects of soaring.

Redress:

A candidate for whom the Board has terminated a scholarship may appeal for reinstatement of the scholarship based on extenuating circumstances.

SSEF Endorsed Organizations that can provide glider flight and ground training:

Currently Skyline Soaring Club at Front Royal, Virginia, is the only location approved to provide SSEF scholarship training.

Application Form

Name: _____ Date of birth: __/__/__

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Parent(s) name(s): _____

Parent address: Same as above? Yes () No ()

Parent telephone: _____ Parent email: _____

Your school: _____

Your grade or year in school: _____ Your GPA for last term: _____

How did you find out about the SSEF flight scholarship? _____

What flight training, if any, have you had? _____

Minors: Please have your parent(s) sign below to indicate their support of your application for the SSEF flight scholarship and the conditions provided in the application.

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Provide a statement (150-300 words) on why you want to fly and how it could help you reach your personal goals (attach separate page(s))

Applicant's signature _____

Date: _____