

THE ROYAL AERO CLUB TRUST BURSARY SCHEME
FOR THE YEAR 2009

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. THE SCHEME

The Royal Aero Club Trust, in conjunction with various Funding Organisations, wishes to offer a number of bursaries for the calendar year 2009, each of up to a maximum of £500.

2. CATEGORIES OF BURSARY

Three categories of bursary are offered:

FLYING BURSARIES. Bursaries to applicants who already have a basic qualification (solo in the case of gliders, PPL for fixed wing and the equivalent in other sports) in an air sport recognised by the Royal Aero Club and who wish to progress to the next higher level.

FLIGHT SIMULATION BURSARIES. Bursaries to applicants who are Personal Computer/flight simulator pilots and who wish to obtain their **first** practical experience of flying or other air sport. Applications from those who already have practical experience of flying or other air sports will not be considered.

AEROMODELLING BURSARIES. Bursaries will be awarded for designing, building and flying model aeroplanes, including indoor & outdoor flight, free-flight, control line, pylon racing, radio-controlled, rotary wing and rocketry.

3. QUALIFICATIONS

a. Nationality. Applicants must hold British Citizenship and be permanently resident in the UK.

b. Age. Applicants must be aged between 16-21 years inclusive at the time of application and also at the time the training will take place and be completed. Proof of age will be required by the Trustees and, for those under 18 years, proof of parental consent.

c. Association/Club Membership.

3.c.1. Flying Bursaries. Applicants must be sponsored by a particular approved organisation and hold current membership of a Club/Association within the aegis of the Royal Aero Club both at the time of application and at the time the training will take place. Appropriate Clubs, Associations and Sponsoring Organisations are as follows:

British Aerobatic Association

British Balloon & Airship Club
British Gliding Association
Formula Air Racing Association
British Hang Gliding & Paragliding Association
British Microlight Aircraft Association
British Model Flying Association
British Parachute Association
British Precision Pilots Association
Helicopter Club of Great Britain
Popular Flying Association
Royal Aero Club Records, Racing & Rally Association

or by an Associate Member organisation of the Royal Aero Club.

Applicants must be personally known to the sponsor signatory who must also make comment upon the application. Applicants will be required to justify their application in writing in not more than 500 words (personal statement).

Applications sponsored by flying clubs, commercial organisations or other associations which are not members of the Royal Aero Club will **NOT** be accepted. Flying Bursary applicants must hold a basic level qualification, approved by the relevant Club/Association, in the air sport in which they wish to progress.

3.c.2. Flight Simulation Bursaries. Applicants must have extensive experience of flight simulator flying on a Personal Computer and will be required to justify this experience in writing and quote software which has been used. In addition, Flight Simulation Bursary applicants must be members of a recognised local, regional or national organisation. These include: Youth Clubs, After School Clubs, Church Lads Brigade, Young Farmers Clubs, Computer Clubs, Scouts, Guides, CCF, ATC or military auxiliary. Applications must be endorsed by a senior member, who personally knows the applicant, of such an organisation. Sponsors must make comment upon the application. Applicants will also be required to justify their application in writing in not more than 500 words (personal statement). Applications from those who already have practical experience of flying or other air sport will not be considered.

3.c.3. Aeromodelling Bursaries. Applicants must be members of the British Model Flying Association and have basic qualifications in the sport. Bursaries will be awarded for designing, building and flying model aeroplanes, including indoor & outdoor flight, free-flight, control line, pylon racing, radio-controlled, rotary wing and rocketry. Applications must be endorsed by a senior member of their club, who personally knows the applicant. Sponsors must make comment upon the application. Applicants will also be required to justify their application in writing in not more than 500 words (personal statement).

d. Medical Qualifications. Trustees reserve the right to require successful applicants for flying and flight simulator bursaries to provide medical certificates to confirm they are medically fit to undergo the selected training.

4. PROGRESSION STANDARD

To qualify for a Flying Bursary, the progression must be a single incremental level in the overall approval/licence process in the chosen air sport. Bursaries will not be offered for ab initio, PPL or other forms of basic training.

5. LOCATION OF TRAINING

Training must be completed in UK and with an approved Club/Association or training organisation based within the UK. Some Funding Organisations may specify the location of training and, before a bursary is awarded, the winner may be required to confirm he/she is able to accept training at the specified location.

6. LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE

Subject to approval by the Trustees, the Trust may award, to a Flying Bursary applicant, a single, one off bursary of up to 50% of the training cost or £500 whichever is the lower. Flight Simulation Bursaries, of up to £500 in value, will take the form of practical experience of flying or an air sport of the applicant's choice which may include - light aircraft, microlight aircraft, hangglider, paraglider, helicopter, balloon, airship or parachute. Aeromodelling bursaries, also of up to a maximum of £500, will be to cover up to 50% of the cost of training or for the purchase of components or materials for the construction of models. Successful applicants in any category will not be eligible for further bursaries in later years.

7. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

All applicants must state if they have received financial assistance or assistance in kind (other than parental contributions) from other organisations or bodies to assist them in training or experience of air sport.

8. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications must be submitted through, and endorsed by, the appropriate air sport Club/Association of which the applicant is a member, or the Sponsoring Organisation as defined at 3.c. above. A senior representative of the Club/Association/Sponsoring Organisation, who knows the applicant personally, is to comment upon each application and submit it direct to the Trust Bursary Administrator by letter post (or by email in the case of applicants 18 years or over who do not require parental signed consent).

9. PERSONAL HISTORY IN THE SELECTED SPORT

Flying Bursary applicants must be able to demonstrate a history of continual participation in the chosen air sport or aviation related activity. Applicants who have only very recently reached the basic level of training are unlikely to qualify for a bursary.

Flight Simulation Bursary applicants must fulfil the requirements of 3.c.2 above.

Aeromodelling Bursary applicants must fulfil the requirements of 3.c.3 above.

10. PAYMENT OF BURSARIES

Payments of Flying and Flight Simulator bursaries will only be made in arrears, against invoice, to the appropriate Club, Association, Training Establishment through which training will be undertaken and will not be paid direct to the applicant. Aeromodelling bursaries will be paid direct to the supplier of services, parts or equipment as appropriate. Each Bursary must be expended fully within the calendar year 2009.

11. RECOVERY OF BURSARIES

The Trust reserves the right to withdraw bursaries awarded if, in the view of the Trustees, Sponsoring Organisation or appropriate Club/Association, failure to expend the funds awarded within the calendar year 2009 is a direct result of lack of effort or application by the applicant.

12. TIMESCALE

Applications for 2009 bursaries must be made by 31 March 2009 with Trustees' awards being made shortly thereafter. Other than in exceptional cases, the period for expenditure of the funds will not be extended beyond the end of the calendar year 2009.

13. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications will be considered on merit, taking into account the recommendations of the appropriate Club/Association or Sponsoring Organisation, by the Trustees whose decision is final. Trustees will not enter into discussion or correspondence as to why particular applicants were or were not successful. In the event that Trustees do not consider any applications to be appropriate, then they reserve the right not to make any award.

The trustees warmly welcome applications from the disadvantaged. Applicants whose progress in air sport is inhibited because of their financial situation should bring this to the attention of trustees in the personal statement that forms a part of the application.

14. LIABILITY

The Sponsoring and Funding Organisations, the Royal Aero Club Trust, their Trustees, officers and members accept no liability for death or any accident, injury or other misfortune which the applicant may suffer whilst undergoing any training, air sport experience or examination associated this Bursary scheme.

15. DATA PROTECTION ACT

The personal details of applicants may be stored and processed on computer for the purposes of running this bursary scheme but will not be passed to other organisations except for publicity and the purposes of the scheme.

16. PUBLICITY

The Trustees reserve the right to publish, and offer for publication to the media, the names, addresses, personal details and photographs of winners for publicity purposes.