



**2019 Vancouver Soaring Association
& Soaring Association of Canada
YOUTH FLIGHT BURSARY**

Imagine yourself at the controls of a glider learning to fly!

If you are student in Grade 11 or 12 and have an interest in learning to fly, this opportunity is for you.

This Vancouver Soaring Association (VSA)/Soaring Association of Canada (SAC) Youth Bursary provides an opportunity for a high-school student to both participate in the volunteer activities of our association and to learn how to fly gliders. All flight training takes place at the Hope Airport.

BURSARY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Funding:

This program will provide two (2) flight bursaries, each totalling \$1000; \$501 from the Vancouver Soaring Association/\$499 from the Soaring Association of Canada. Please note that this is not a cash bursary. The awarded money will be applied directly to flying credits. Successful applicants will be required to pay a reduced Youth Membership fee of \$125.00 prior to flight-training, as the bursary only covers direct flying expenses. If the student wishes to continue flight training beyond the life of the bursary (towards flying solo and earning their Glider Pilot License) the remainder of the membership fee and additional gliding/tow credits must be purchased.

Flight Training:

The VSA will provide 10 instructional flights with a qualified instructor in VSA's 2-seat gliders. Flight training occurs primarily on weekends from May to October, and is highly dependent on weather. On a typical flying day, you could expect a maximum of two flights, which means your 10 flights could take approximately 2 - 3 months to complete. All flights must be completed in 2019.

Ground School:

The VSA instructors will provide pre and post flight briefings, and instruction on completing daily inspections of gliders, radio license training and some self-directed ground school topics including air regulations, theory of flight, meteorology and basic navigation.

VSA Expectations:

The VSA will provide a full training program with supervision in order that the student can perform the above activities in a safe manner.

Student Expectations:

The bursary is structured to provide students with 10 instructional flights. A self-learning package will be provided and students will be expected to review the material on their own time. In addition, the student is expected to contribute to volunteer activities of the Vancouver Soaring Association. Some examples of these volunteer activities include timekeeping (recording glider up and down times), flight line activities (wing running, glider ground handling), and general grounds maintenance. All of our members actively volunteer their time and resources to our club, which results in a unique and rewarding environment for us all.

Parent/Guardian Expectations:

Parents/legal guardians of the successful bursary candidates will have to sign a release waiver on behalf of their son or daughter prior to any airfield activities. Some financial commitment is required to cover the \$125 reduced youth membership fee; this fee is not covered by bursary funds. All activities will take place at the Hope Airport, within biking distance of the city of Hope, and most flying occurs on the weekends. Note that the bursary will cover 10 instructional flights that are meant to be an introduction to flying only. Once those flying credits are used, then the student will have to purchase additional gliding/towing credits, as well as the remainder of the membership fee, to fly solo and to complete their Glider Pilot License.

Application process:

If upon review with your parents/legal guardians you are interested in this bursary program, please fill out the applications form. Ensure that one of your parents/legal guardians signs the form.

In addition we ask that you send us a short covering letter explaining why you are interested in flying gliders and contributing to the volunteer efforts of the Vancouver Soaring Association. Tell us how you will rise to the challenge and why we should choose you!

The VSA Bursary Program directors will then review all applicants and select two students.

The Vancouver Soaring Association has been operating continuously from the Hope Airport since 1966. The VSA is an all-volunteer organization and is a registered association under the Societies Act of B.C. All VSA instructors are certified by Transport Canada.

The membership of the VSA is quite diverse with members coming from a wide variety of backgrounds.

The unique aspect of soaring is that it is almost impossible to do alone and is dependent on people working together in a cooperative manner to ensure that each person can fly. This aspect creates a unique atmosphere where the usual barriers of age and social background are removed.

We all come together to "HAVE FUN AND TO FLY GLIDERS SAFELY" which is the VSA's most important rule.

For an online application form, or if you have any questions about this bursary please visit our website vancouversoaring.com/youth or, please feel free to email us at vancouversoaring.youth@gmail.com

Please go to our website at www.vsa.ca for information about our club.

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Applicant to Complete this Section

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Age: ____ Applicant must be 16-18 years of age March 15, 2019.

Grade: ____ Applicant must be enrolled in Grade 11 or 12 at the Hope Secondary School

Please attach a cover letter describing:

- a) Why you wish to learn to fly gliders and,
- b) How you will contributing to the volunteer efforts of the Vancouver Soaring Association.

I _____, (applicant) understand that:

- a) A reduced Youth Membership Fee of \$125 must be paid by the successful applicant prior to the onset of training.
- b) Bursary funds will not result in the completion of all requirements necessary for a Glider Pilot License. Additional funds will be required to continue flying beyond the life of the bursary.
- c) Prior to flight instruction, pre-reading and study will be expected.
- d) A brief interview may be part of the selection process.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian to Complete this Section

I _____, as Parent/Legal Guardian of _____ (applicant) understand that:

- a) Bursary funds do not include the reduced Youth Membership Fee of \$125. This fee must be paid by the successful applicant prior to the onset of training.
- b) Parents/legal guardians of the successful applicant will have to sign a release waiver on behalf of their son/daughter prior to any airfield activities.
- c) Bursary funds will not result in the completion of all requirements necessary for a Glider Pilot License. Additional funds will be required to continue flying beyond the life of the bursary.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please send completed applications to: vancouversoaring.youth@gmail.com