



DDSC Scholarship Guidelines

General

Darling Downs Soaring Club (DDSC) has established a Scholarship Programme to allow it to provide scholarships to young persons aged between 14 and 25 years, who wish to undertake gliding training with DDSC or further their gliding skills at DDSC.

The DDSC Committee manages the Programme and it is only to be used for this purpose.

The money set aside for the Programme is shown in the Club accounts (*The Fund*) and it is resourced by donations from members and others, or from club funds, as the Committee decides. Scholarships will only be allocated when there is sufficient money in the Fund.

Depending on the money available in the Fund, DDSC will seek applications for Scholarships each year in one or more of the following categories:

- \$500 to a person aged 14 to 17 to go towards their pre-solo training flying
- \$500 for Griffith University Soaring Society member who has gone solo in gliders, to further their post-solo, and cross country flying and Glider Pilot Certificate.
- \$500 for a person up to the age of 25 who has gone solo, to further their post-solo, cross country flying and Glider Pilot Certificate.
- Glider Hire costs for a competition for a person up to the age of 25.

Scholarships will be advertised on the club website. DDSC will develop an information brochure and distribute it to various schools and other interested parties each February.

An eligible person may only receive one scholarship in the year. A person may apply for scholarship for the following year for any of the scholarship categories.

An allocated scholarship will require the person to be a member of GFA and DDSC. The scholarship amount will be credited to the person's flying account to be used for flying carried out in DDSC owned or operated sailplanes.

The cost of scholarship flying will be charged at standard DDSC student rates and normal towing rates.

Applying for the Scholarship

Scholarship applications will be open between 1 February and 31 March each year.

Ideally, the applicant will already have had an Air Experience Flight in gliders. Applicants are encouraged to visit the club and find out about the club and the sport of gliding before applying.

Applicants shall submit an email application to the Club Secretary. The email application should outline the reasons why the person is applying for the scholarship and what they hope to achieve.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be an Australian Citizen or Australian Permanent Resident
- Be aged between 14 and 25 at the time of applying
- Become a member of the Gliding Federation of Australia (GFA) and DDSC

Criteria for Allocating Scholarships

The Committee will assess applications at the first committee meeting after 31 March and allocate the scholarships based on the criteria below. Committee members with a conflict of interest will be ineligible to participate. In deciding the allocation of scholarships, the Committee will consider some or all of the following:

The person:

- Has not previously received, or currently receiving a scholarship from other sources
- Demonstrates interest in gliding
- Demonstrates interest in an aviation career
- Demonstrates interest in cross country flying and competition
- Shows willingness to participate in a club environment
- Shows willingness to study and learn
- Demonstrates positive attitude, safe and responsible behaviour
- Has parental permission (if under 18)

All applicants will be notified as soon as the scholarships are allocated. Unsuccessful applicants may re-apply the following year. The successful applicant will have the funds credited to their DDSC account and they must be used within 12 months. If the scholarship funds have not been exhausted within 12 months, the remaining funds will be forfeited unless the scholarship holder notifies DDSC of particular circumstances and requests the scholarship be extended.

Scholarship holders must remain flying members of GFA and DDSC whilst using the funds to fly.

Applications shall be forwarded to:

The Secretary
Darling Downs Soaring Club

secretary@ddsc.org.au