



## Pilot Fund Mentoring Scheme

Cambridge Aero Club is made up of pilots and aviation enthusiasts from all walks of life. This means we understand how tough it can be to secure funding for pilot training.

Fortunately, there are **sponsorship opportunities for keen students!** With the combination of the right candidate and a well thought out application, this funding can be secured, and we're keen to help you along the way.

Our **'Pilot Fund Mentoring Scheme'** harnesses the specialist knowledge and abilities of aviation industry experts, headed by **Group Captain Terry Holloway**.

We'll provide you with details of ongoing scholarships and other funding options, alongside one-on-one meetings with industry experts to discuss options and help you with applications. **Just ask at reception for more info!**

There are plenty of sponsorship opportunities available, a (non-exhaustive) list of which can be found below.

# Sponsorship opportunities

The Honourable Company of Air Pilots group together a range of individual funds and scholarships (such as the Air BP Scholarship or Jackson Scholarship) into a unified application process for PPL, gliding, and Instructor's Rating scholarships. Applications are generally in January/February for courses that summer.

<https://www.airpilots.org/career-matters/scholarships/>

- **PPL scholarships:** funding for all aspects of training up to licence issue (up to 45 hours)
  - Candidates must be over 17
  - Course must be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> October
- **Gliding scholarships:** one-week residential course at a youth approved BGA centre, or local gliding club lesson-by-lesson basis
  - Courses take place during school summer holidays
  - Candidates must be able to satisfy medical requirements
  - Candidates must be over 16
- **Flight instructor certificate scholarships:** funding for all direct training and examinations costs for a Fixed Wing Flying Instructor Certificate
  - Training must be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> October
  - Candidates must hold a valid EASA PPL(A), CPL(A) or ATPL(A)
  - Other requirements on [airpilots.org](https://www.airpilots.org)

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## The British Women Pilots' Association

**(BWPA)**: Scholarships range from funding towards PPL training, to further qualifications (instructor's rating, aerobatics rating...) to ATPL groundschool programmes. Applications often open around International Women's day (in March) and close in April.

General requirements are BWPA membership (joining is easy), and being a woman(!). The bursaries are not restricted to UK citizens or residents.

The application process involves an online form detailing your motivation and evidence that you fit the requirements, and an interview.

<https://bwpa.co.uk/scholarships/>

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The Air League offers one of the biggest ranges of sponsorships, from PPL flying to drones to space scholarships and ATPL groundschool. Key here is that you can apply for multiple bursaries (i.e. the 12h, 5h, and flying bursary) in one year, to maximise your chances!

<https://www.airleague.co.uk/scholarships/>

- **Flying scholarships:** 12h and 5h scholarships towards obtaining a PPL, carried out as a residential course over one or two weeks
- **Flying bursary:** 3-5 hours of advanced flying training to current PPL holders, as well as those yet to gain their licence who need assistance finishing their training
- **ATPL groundschool scholarship:** 50% off Bristol's ATPL groundschool course

The RAF Association's Flying Scholarship programme is open to young people from the Air Cadet Organisation, Girls Venture Corps Air Cadets, Air Scouts and Air Explorer Scouts. Applications usually open in January/February and close in March.

<https://www.rafa.org.uk/what-we-do/air-cadets/flying-scholarships/>

- One successful candidate will be awarded a **35 hours flight training course** covering all or part of the tuition needed to obtain a LAPL.
- Five or more runners-up will be offered **12 hour flying scholarships**

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**The Royal Aero Club** offers flying bursaries and grants up to £1000, flight simulator bursaries, aeromodelling bursaries and advanced bursaries (for qualified air sports persons to enter competitions or advance existing qualifications).

A key requirement for all of the bursaries is being sponsored by and a member of a club within the aegis of the Royal Aero Club. A list of the approved clubs (such as the British Precision Pilots Association or Light Aircraft Association) can be found on their website.

<http://www.royalaeroclubtrust.org/bursaries>

**Flyability** offers bursaries to help people with disabilities fly hang gliders and paragliders. Applications can be made for a one off tandem flight, or to pay towards your pilot training.

<http://www.flyability.org.uk/how-can-flyability-help-you/flyability-scholarships/flyability-scholarships-application-forms/>

**Aerobility** offers discounted trial lessons and sponsorships to people with disabilities. Applications can be made for as much funding as you need to start flying or to complete a licence.

<https://www.aerobility.com/scholarship-form>

