



The Mid-South Soaring Foundation
 4710 White Pass Drive
 Collierville, TN 38107

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Friends of soaring;

The Mid-South Soaring Foundation was formed in 2002 as a 501c(3) organization to promote the art and sport of motorless flight. Since its founding it has:

- Raised monies to establish Lawrence Field, home of the Memphis Soaring Society (MSS)
- Participated in a matching campaign for an engine overhaul on a MSS tow plane
- Been the conduit through which the mortgage for MSS was satisfied
- Been a participant in numerous smaller projects to help fund equipment acquisitions at MSS

As we approach 2019 Memphis Soaring, and many soaring clubs around the U.S., are working hard to remain relevant in the soaring and aviation communities. Membership at clubs has stagnated or shrunk, putting a strain on remaining members to operate effectively.

Therefore, the Foundation, as its primary goal for 2019, seeks others to join with it in its effort to fund scholarships for students and aspiring instructors. The Foundation recognizes that jobs in aviation are again gaining favor among our youth as a career choice after a number of years of struggle following 9/11. Soaring is a great avenue to get foundational stick and rudder skills, to explore the possibility of an aviation career and to just enjoy the sport of flying with others!

As the number of active glider pilots have shrunk so have the number of instructors. The Foundation is offering to help pilots who have a desire to teach by funding the training and fees associated with obtaining that rating. For some it is a threshold, financially, that we hope to help them cross and be a part of training the next generation of soaring pilots.

Won't you join us by contributing to the MSSF? Your donation is tax deductible as allowed by law. Any amount, when added with the other amounts received, can make a difference in the amount or number of scholarships offered in 2019 and beyond. The total number of scholarships available will be finalized and announced on the MSS web site in early January. We currently have two scholarships posted on the MSS site's home page under the scholarship tab for your reference. See www.memphis-soaring.org.

Thank you for considering a donation. We wish you and yours happy soaring in 2019 and beyond!

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Please accept the enclosed donation and apply it for:	General MSSF usage: \$ _____ MSSF Scholarships: \$ _____
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Remit to: MSSF, C/O Mark Olinger – Treasurer, 2090 Old Oak Dr., Memphis, TN 38119-6405
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