

# The Roy Hendrix Soaring Scholarship

The Mid-South Soaring Foundation is granting one or more scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 for 2020 to individuals between the ages of 13 and 22 for glider flight training as part of its mission to promote the art of motorless flight.

Roy Hendrix is a long-time member of the Memphis Soaring Society and has been a major supporter of soaring and MSS as a tow pilot, grounds keeper and financial contributor. This scholarship is offered in the spirit of the selflessness demonstrated over the many years by Roy.

**Deadline** – Applications must be received via postal mail at the address given below by **February 28, 2020**. **Awards will be announced by March 15, 2020.**

## **Award** –

- The scholarship includes instructional flights, study materials and membership dues in both the Soaring Society of America (SSA) and the Memphis Soaring Society (MSS) for the scholarship period.
- The scholarship period will commence April 1, 2020 and all flights must be completed within one year. If funds remain at the end of the one-year period, the scholarship can be extended if the student has shown consistent progress towards a glider pilot license goal.
- Flight training is conducted at the MSS airport, Lawrence Field, located in Cherry Valley, AR. All billing against scholarship activity will be made to the Foundation for payment.
- All training is provided by FAA Certified Flight Instructors. See [www.memphis-soaring.org](http://www.memphis-soaring.org) for more on Memphis Soaring.

## **Selection Criteria** –

- Applicants must be between the ages of 13 and 22 and are to have reached their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday by the application deadline
- Applicants must be highly motivated to learn to fly and be fully committed to the program. Recipients will be required to fly at least two days per month. Flight operations are conducted primarily on weekends throughout the year with occasional opportunities on weekdays.
- Applicants unable to commit to the rigorous requirements of this program should not apply.
- Applications will be judged by an independent panel with financial need, interest in aviation and the ability to fully participate in the program being considered.

**Required Materials** – The selection committee will only review and rank those applications which are completed in full. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. **Application Form** – The attached application form should be completed by the applicant with each area being addressed. Please be specific.
2. **Letter of Reference** – The Reference Letter should be from any non-relative adult who has knowledge of the applicant's character and maturity. The Letter should comment on the applicant's willingness to take personal responsibility to communicate and work with adults and his/her ability to remain focused and committed to assigned projects. Examples of suitable references include teachers, coaches, youth activity supervisors and work supervisors.
3. **Essay** – The essay should be written by the applicant and should include name, address and contact phone number. It should be no more than two pages in length and detail the applicant's interest in aviation and desire to learn to fly gliders.
4. **Transcript** – The applicant should include a copy of a current grade report or transcript.

**Inquiries should be directed to Mark Olinger at [molingernwa@yahoo.com](mailto:molingernwa@yahoo.com) or to:**

Mid-South Soaring Foundation Scholarship Program  
C/O Mark Olinger  
2090 Old Oak Drive  
Memphis, TN 38119-6405

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**1. Personal Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Academic Information:**

Name of Current School: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Current grade or years completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Please describe any aviation-related experience/involvement:**

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**4. List all extracurricular activities:**

School Clubs: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

School Sports: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Church/Youth Groups: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Work Experience/responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_

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**5. List total family income and, if appropriate, explain need for financial support:**

Income \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation of need: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Are you able and willing to work at the gliderport to help out with soaring operations and club projects during the scholarship period?**    \_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No

**7. Do you have transportation to the gliderport?**    \_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No

**8. Availability:**

List any periods of non-availability including planned vacations, camps, sports season, work schedule, etc. during the scholarship period:

Can you fly on Saturdays?    \_\_\_\_\_ YES    \_\_\_\_\_ NO  
Can you fly on Sundays?    \_\_\_\_\_ YES    \_\_\_\_\_ NO  
Can you fly on weekdays?    \_\_\_\_\_ YES    \_\_\_\_\_ NO    (Consider school & summer days)

**9. How did you find out about the Mid-South Soaring Foundation Scholarship Program?**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Send, to be received, by February 28, 2020, to:  
**Mid-South Soaring Foundation Scholarship**  
2090 Old Oak Drive  
Memphis, TN 38119