

Cadet Scholarship Scheme

Introduction

The Scottish Gliding Centre's Cadet Scholarship Scheme supports the development of young glider pilots by helping reduce the cost of learning to fly.

Established through the generosity of Club members, the Scheme provides financial assistance to a limited number of Cadets (Junior Members under the age of 18) who demonstrate commitment, enthusiasm and potential.

The Scheme exists to encourage the long-term development of young pilots and future volunteers within the Scottish Gliding Centre.

Objectives

The Scheme aims to:

- encourage regular participation in gliding;
- develop safe, competent and confident pilots;
- support personal development through coaching and mentoring;
- encourage volunteering and participation in Club activities; and
- help young members achieve their individual flying goals.

Scheme Benefits

Junior members who are accepted onto the Scholarship scheme will:

- A **70% reduction** on the cost of annual membership fees - £173 instead of £566 (January 2026)
- Receive a **50% reduction** on the *airtime* cost of their flight
- Access to a cadet & junior focused instructor who can help with:
 - Flying Skills,
 - Theoretical Knowledge
 - Scholarship/Grant applications

Capacity

The Cadet Scholarship Scheme is currently capped at **10** cadets

We are currently fully subscribed as of 30th of September 2024 - pilots under 18 are still welcome to join the club as Junior Members and apply for the Cadet Scholarship Scheme if a space becomes available.

Admission Requirements

To be admitted to the cadet scheme you must:

- **Already be a Junior member of the SGC or on a Learn to Glide Package**
- **Be between the ages of 13 and 17**
- **Demonstrate a financial need or through volunteer effort at the club**

Expectations

Our young members represent the future of the club and are expected to:

1. **Commitment** - be keen to learn and further your flying ability, as well as coming to the airfield on a **regular basis** (once every 2 weeks)
2. **Volunteer** - cadets are expected to help out on the airfield or with other airfield tasks
3. **Full day attendance** - gliding is a full day activity and cadets will be expected to be at the airfield for briefing
4. **Good Conduct** - cadets will be expected to maintain good conduct with fellow cadets and other members of the SGC

If cadets fall short of these expectations, **then it is possible the cadet scholarship may be offered to another prospective cadet** so it's important that cadets meet the above requirements to maintain their place on the scholarship scheme.

Cadets should contact with the Cadet Director if they have a change in circumstances.

Application Process

Applications to the cadet scheme will open once every 3 months - communicated via cadetinstant - while there are free spaces to ensure we give new Junior members the opportunity to apply.

1. [Application to the Cadet Director](#) - sent to cadets@scottishglidingcentre.com
2. Informal Interview
3. Decision

If an application is unsuccessful, the member will continue to be a Junior member and will still benefit from the subsidised annual membership fee.

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