



Soaring 100th Anniversary
1911 - 2011



PGC 70th Anniversary
1941 - 2011



PGC soaring into the future

PGC Membership *application*

PGC is a not-for-profit private club dedicated to teaching, promoting, and enjoying the art of soaring. We provide the facilities, aircraft, training and personnel to enable our members to participate in the sport of non-motorized flight

Welcome to Philadelphia Glider Council

PGC is a cooperative member owned club. Sharing the work has enabled us to own and operate our airport for more than 70-years without paid staff or employees. Our Certified Flight Instructors volunteer their time to instruct, as do our qualified tow pilot members. All other members are committed to at least 3-days a year of field duty. And everyone chips in to help maintain the field, buildings and equipment... that is how PGC has become one of the most successful soaring clubs in the country. We are proud of our fleet of modern gliders that prepare student pilots to move into higher-performance machines as they gain aviation experience. We emphasize flight safety and think of ourselves as a club "family". Welcome to the best soaring club we know how to create.

Learning to fly at PGC

Flight instruction and use of the aircraft are available at no charge as a benefit of PGC membership. There is a tow fee charged for each flight. PGC's Certified Flight Instructors schedule Saturday and Sunday morning instructional sessions, along with Wednesday and Thursday evening instruction. Additionally, they are often available at other times when present at the field. No previous flight experience is required. Flight instruction is coupled with reading assignments and ground school sessions, in preparation for you to take the FAA Private Pilot Knowledge Examination. All student pilots are provided with the standard book and training package.





The average student pilot will solo after about 30 – 40 flights in a Grob G-103, however PGC flight instructors determine a student’s readiness to solo on an individual basis. Students who fly most often and on a consistent basis will make better progress than students who fly on an infrequent basis. The average licensed power pilot will solo a glider in 15-25 flights.

After reaching solo flight status, student pilots continue to take routine periodic check-flights with an instructor. When the student has mastered the skills and accumulated enough solo flight time he/she will take a recommendation flight with an instructor. This leads to a check-ride with an FAA Examiner who, upon successful completion, will award the pilot with a Private Pilot Certificate.

Membership fees and the cost of flying at PGC

Fees consist of annual membership dues, a one-time entrance fee, and a refundable bond. Upon joining the club a new member pays the first year’s *Membership Dues* and the *Membership Bond*. The *Entrance Fee* is divided into four payments and is billed quarterly over the first year of membership. Members are billed electronically on a monthly basis. **Jordyn Agostini Youth Scholarship Fund** - A limited number of Scholarships are available for members under 18 years old. These scholarships subsidize tow fees and are funded by donations. When submitting application indicate if interested in applying for a scholarship. Dues and fees are as follows:

Dues / Fee	Adult Member	Academic Student ¹ or Spouse ²	Basis
Membership Dues	\$775 / year	\$555 / year	Non-Refundable
Membership Bond	\$100 / One-time	\$50 / One-time	Refundable when leaving
Entrance Fee	\$500 / One-time	\$300 / One-time	Non-Refundable - Billed in four installments
YOU PAY THIS AMOUNT UPON JOINING PGC →	\$875	\$605	Initial Cost
Entrance fee billed during the first year in 4-installments of:	\$125	\$75	Entrance Fee - Installments (4)

¹ Members enrolled as full time academic students - Non-voting . ² The husband/wife/significant other of a regular member - Voting membership.

Tow fees: Your cost per flight



Tow Altitude (Ft)	Tow Fee
SRB	\$18
1000	\$27
1500	\$29
2000	\$31
2500	\$33
3000	\$35
Winch	\$10

No fee for use of club aircraft
No fee for flight instruction

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Philadelphia Glider Council, Inc.

Membership *application*

1. Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

2. Employer: _____

Work Address: _____

Type of Work: _____

3. Citizenship: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

4. Please list any flying experience, pilot certificate(s), types of aircraft flown, ratings or soaring badges w/ approximate hours:

5. If a pilot, or student pilot, list the most recent instructor(s) you have flown with for training, flight reviews, checkrides, ratings, currency, etc:

6. General aviation (power pilots) - What airport(s) do you currently fly from, or where do you base your flight activity?

7. Glider pilots, or student glider pilots - What glider club or commercial FBO have you been associated with:

8. Are you a member of the SSA? _____ Member #: _____ Expiration: _____

9. Have you ever been involved in an aviation accident or incident?
(If so, please attach a detailed description, date, location, aircraft, etc.)

I acknowledge that all of the information furnished in the application is truthful, accurate and complete. I understand that PGC Dues and Entrance fees are non-refundable. I understand that PGC is a volunteer-based organization; all members are required to share in the duties of maintaining the club, the property, and equipment, and I agree to participate in these activities. I agree to abide by all of the club rules and by-laws. I understand that The Philadelphia Glider Council, Inc. is not a tax exempt organization, and that dues, fees and donations to PGC are not tax deductible.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If the applicant is a minor the signature of a parent or guardian is required:
I acknowledge that training to become a pilot is an intensive activity that requires regular attendance at the gliderport. In addition, I understand there are duties and obligations of PGC membership that will require my parental or guardian support to facilitate participation as a member.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

If a full time academic student (under age 21) are you interested in applying for the Youth Scholarship program? Yes _____ No _____ Need more information _____

Submit completed application the PGC Membership Committee:

Carmen Vecchione - Chairman

E-Mail – carmenvecchione@gmail.com

FAX – 215-689-2527

Postal Mail - Philadelphia Glider Council, Inc.

C/O Carmen Vecchione – Membership Chairman

1301 Skippack Pike

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Blue Bell, PA 19422

Questions or need more info? – Call Carmen at 215-326-9263

Please do not attach any payments now. Applications must be approved by the Board of Directors. You will receive an acknowledgement upon receipt of the application, and then be contacted after the application has been reviewed.

Do not write below this line:-----

Application Received: _____ Board Approved: _____

Membership Offered: _____ Training Package Coupons Sent: _____