



# Jordyn Agostini Youth Scholarship Fund

## Fact Sheet



Philadelphia Glider Council, Inc. is a not-for-profit, member owned club devoted to the advancement and enjoyment of the sport of soaring. The Jordyn Agostini Scholarship program has been established to foster an interest in aviation and to help young people to become pilots.

Soaring 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1911 - 2011



PGC 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
1941 - 2011



PGC soaring into  
the future



### Becoming a Pilot - The Achievement of Learning to Fly

Becoming a pilot is a lifelong achievement that becomes a springboard to many additional lasting opportunities. Flying gliders is a particularly good way to start an aviation career or develop the avocation of flying as a life skill. With the proper training and aptitude a student can solo in a glider at age 14 and get their private pilot glider license at age 16. This is an outstanding achievement that distinguishes a young person from their peers.

Depending on student aptitude, frequency of training, and other factors, solo flight may be achieved after 30-45 instructional flights. This will typically take a year of club flying participation. Qualifying student pilots are permitted to solo at 14-years old. After initial solo, the student will continue instructional training, with closely supervised flights, until the instructor determines that the student is qualified to take the FAA license examination flight. A Private Pilot – Glider certificate can be earned at the age of 16.

Sailplanes are launched by aerotow behind a powered tow planes, and a typical training flight is 10-20 minutes in duration. Flight instruction is available each weekend, weather permitting, and on Wednesday evenings. On weekends students are expected to be at the gliderport at 8:30 am to help prepare the aircraft for operations and for a briefing. Instruction starts at 9AM and wraps up at about noon. Depending on the number of students and available instructors, the student can expect 2-3 flights in one of our Grob G-103 dual control sailplanes.

### What are the obligations for youth scholarship students?

Flight instruction and use of the aircraft are free for PGC Members. Members pay annual dues and tow fees for each flight. Youth Scholarship members receive reduced dues and tow fees. Youth members are expected to participate in assigned duty days and club activities.

### Discounted Student Fees:

Annual Dues :  
\$775 - \$220 = **\$555**  
Refundable entrance bond:  
\$100 - \$50 = **\$50**  
Entrance Fee:  
\$500 - \$200 = **\$300**  
(divided into 4 quarterly payments in the first year only)

### Total amount due upon joining:

**\$875 - \$270 = \$605**

Scholarship Tow Fees (the cost per flight) are 50% of the regular member fees. Current student tow fees per flight:

| Tow Altitude (Ft) | Regular Tow Fee | Scholarship Tow Fee |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| SRB               | \$18            | \$9.00              |
| 1000              | \$27            | \$13.50             |
| 1500              | \$29            | \$14.50             |
| 2000              | \$31            | \$15.50             |
| 2500              | \$33            | \$16.50             |
| 3000              | \$35            | \$17.50             |
| 3500              | \$37            | \$18.50             |
| Winch             | \$10            | \$5.00              |

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### Billing

Members are billed electronically on a monthly basis. New member's joining the club pay the first year's *Membership Dues*, a *Membership Bond*, and an *Entrance Fee*. The Membership Bond is returned to members when they leave the club. The Entrance Fee is billed quarterly over the course of the first year.

### Other Responsibilities

All members are trained and required to participate in ground operations and are assigned 3-days per year of field duty. Additionally, all members are expected to assist with maintenance of the club facilities and upkeep of the grounds. PGC does not have any paid staff or employees and it is a member obligation to volunteer for necessary upkeep tasks. In some cases adult members may choose to hire a youth scholarship student to take a field duty day in their place and pay the student \$60 for the day. This is done only by mutual agreement.

### How Safe is Soaring?

Soaring, like other forms of aviation, is not without risk of injury or death. We are very serious about safety at PGC, and in many cases our requirements exceed those required by the FAA. All aspects of training are focused on developing sound judgment as well as good flying skills. Our flight training program is centered on aviation safety, which includes classroom safety training as well as individual instruction and coaching.

### To Apply For Membership and the Jordyn Agostini Youth Scholarship

For membership visit the PGC website at <http://www.pgcsoaring.org>, and click the "Join PGC" button. Carmen Vecchione, Membership Chairman can answer questions. Youth scholars are required to compose a brief letter describing their interest in aviation and in becoming a pilot - Send to Youth Scholarship Chairman, Dave Glosser at [pgcyoungpilots@yahoo.com](mailto:pgcyoungpilots@yahoo.com)

### Investing in a Lifelong Achievement

For some people a single ride in a glider fulfills a "bucket list" item. For pilots, soaring is a lifelong sport combining motor skill, intellect, emotion, and judgment. Becoming a pilot teaches you to understand the principles of physics & aeronautics while flying elegantly designed sailplanes. Soaring is a challenging and often beautiful experience which will change you in ways which you may have never considered. The aviation experience defines and condenses many years of maturation into a brief time frame. Once you step into the glider you not only learn stick and rudder skills but must confront your own strengths and weaknesses in the reality of the no excuses zone. This is what is meant by the aviation phrase, "the right stuff." We aim to help you develop it. If the experience is a guide, PGC youth members youth members become exceptional adults... and did we mention that we have a whole lot of fun in the process!

See you at cloud-base,

Dave Glosser  
PGC Youth Scholarship Coordinator

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## Application

Complete this application and email to: [pgcyoungpilots@yahoo.com](mailto:pgcyoungpilots@yahoo.com)

Please read through the entire application before filling it out

Which scholarship are you applying for? Ground School 2011 [  ] PGC Membership/Flight Support [  ]  
Check appropriate box(es).

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

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

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Address (s): (Same as above? Yes [  ] No [  ] Parent Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Your School: \_\_\_\_\_

Your grade or year of school: \_\_\_\_\_

Your grade point average or letter grade average for the last semester/marking period of school? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about PGC Youth Scholarship?

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Describe any aviation experience you have had (Note: None is required).

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Please tell us why you wish to attend glider ground school or be a Youth Scholarship Member of PGC and enter the flight training program:

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Please have your parent (s) sign below to indicate their support of your application for the scholarship and participation in glider ground school or flight training program.

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing above I/we offer permission and support for the applicant's participation in the selected PGC activities.*

- Please note that glider ground school scholarships are available to the first 20 qualified applicants and do not require a personal interview or application for PGC membership. You will be notified via email.
- This Youth Scholarship application is not an application for joining PGC. There is a separate membership application. Interested prospective members please contact Carmen Vecchione - Membership Coordinator : Forms and information - [www.pgcsouaring.org](http://www.pgcsouaring.org) Contact - Carmen Vecchione - [carmenvecchione@gmail.com](mailto:carmenvecchione@gmail.com) or 215-326-9263.
- Those applying for PGC membership youth scholarship support must be personally interviewed by the youth scholarship director, together with their custodial parent(s) if under 18 years of age. This takes place following approval of the membership application by the PGC Board of Directors.

During the soaring season, please feel free to stop by PGC to talk to members, other Youth Scholars, and observe flight operations.

Thanks for your interest in PGC. I personally extend my greetings and hope to see you at PGC sometime soon. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at: [pgcyoungpilots@yahoo.com](mailto:pgcyoungpilots@yahoo.com) .

Regards,

Dave Glosser  
PGC Youth Scholarship Coordinator