

Recommendation:

If you are endorsing this application, please give your name, phone number, position of authority, and the reasons for your support. Endorsement is welcome from Club members, teachers, ATC leaders, or anyone else in a position to judge the candidate's enthusiasm and ability.

Signed:

Date:

STRATFORD-ON-AVON GLIDING CLUB LTD



**JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT SPONSORSHIP
SCHEME**

APPLICATION FORM

(This form should be completed in addition to the
Membership Application Form for new members)

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| Name of Applicant: | |
| Membership Number: | |
| Membership Valid Until: | |
| Date: | |
| Signature of Applicant: | |
| Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 18): | |

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT SPONSORSHIP SCHEME:

This scheme is run by Stratford-on-Avon Gliding Club to encourage young people to take up gliding. While gliding need not be an expensive sport, the initial costs are certainly beyond the means of many young people, especially those in full-time education. The scheme provides financial assistance towards the first two stages in a glider pilot's training: reaching solo standard, and the Bronze 'C' cross-country certificate. All we ask for in return is commitment and enthusiasm.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

If you are 15 to 18, or up to 25 and in full-time education, you can apply for Sponsorship. If you are not yet a Club member, you can apply, and parts of the scheme will help your joining costs. If you are already a member, you can still apply, and you will receive the financial assistance towards your training costs. Sponsorship lasts 12 months, and you can only be sponsored once. We limit ourselves to ten sponsored members each year.

Sponsorship is not automatic. Your application will be considered by the Club's Membership Secretary and, if appropriate, the Club Committee. If you are successful, you will receive the initial part of the sponsorship, and after about a month, we will review the sponsorship and decide whether to continue it. The only criteria that we apply when considering or reviewing your application are that you are enthusiastic about gliding, that you will make a competent pilot, and that you fit in as a good Club member.

WHAT IS IT WORTH:

The scheme provides financial assistance for the initial stages of your training, including subscription, flying fees, and course fees. The figures below are correct as of 2003, but these costs will inevitably increase from year to year, but the value of the sponsorship is tied to the membership subscription so it will increase with them.

The cost of joining the Club is the annual membership subscription which is currently £225. As a sponsored member, the annual subscription is reduced to the Junior Membership fee of £80.

When you join, you will receive ten vouchers, each worth £7.00, which you can use towards your flying fees, at most one each flying day. If your progress review is satisfactory, you will receive another twenty vouchers. In other words, your £80 membership fees get you £210 in free flying vouchers, which is typically half the cost of reaching solo standard. You are also eligible to a significantly reduced rates for courses.

If you achieve the Bronze 'C' certificate within the twelve months, which qualifies you to fly cross-country, you will receive another ten vouchers.

HOW TO APPLY:

Fill in this form and give it to the Membership Secretary at the Club, or telephone him on the number below. If you've already flown with us, the Instructor will be able to help you with this.

It isn't necessary for somebody to propose you for this scheme. However, if there is a Club member who will endorse your application, or somebody else connected with aviation, or another person in authority who can recommend you, it may help your application.

If your application is rejected, perhaps because we have reached our sponsorship limit, you can still join the Club as a Junior Member, and you can apply for sponsorship again in the following Club year. Please ask for details.

Richard Maksymowicz
Membership Secretary, Stratford-on-Avon Gliding Club. (Tel 0121 684 9282)
January 2006

Your Application:

Please tell us why you are applying. For example: what has attracted you to gliding, your previous flying experience if any, your flying ambitions etc.

Your Current Education:

If you are in full or part-time education, apprenticeship, or other training scheme, please give brief details.

Attendance at the airfield:

If in general, you expect to come flying on a particular day or days of the week, please tell us which days. Also let us know what part of the day would you normally expect to be present at the airfield.