

**2011 VANCOUVER SOARING/SOARING ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
YOUTH BURSARY PROGRAM
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**IMAGINE YOURSELF AT THE CONTROLS OF THIS GLIDER LEARNING TO FLY.
THE VSA/SAC YOUTH BURSARY PROGRAM PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO BOTH PARTICIPATE IN THE VOLUNTEER
ACTIVITIES OF OUR ASSOCIATION AND TO LEARN HOW TO FLY GLIDERS.
IF YOU ARE A STUDENT IN GRADE 9-11 AND HAVE AN INTEREST IN LEARNING
TO FLY, THIS PROGRAM IS FOR YOU.
ALL FLIGHT TRAINING TAKES PLACE AT THE HOPE AIRPORT.**

BURSARY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

Funding: \$500 from Vancouver Soaring Association/\$500 from Soaring Association of Canada for a total bursary of \$1000.00. Note: The student will have to pay \$250.00 to cover membership costs as the bursary only covers direct flying expenses. Once bursary flying credits are used up, then additional gliding/tow credits must be purchased if the student wishes to continue flight training.

Student Expectations: The bursary is structured to provide students with approximately 10 dual instructional flights. In addition, the student is expected to contribute to volunteer activities of the Vancouver Soaring Association (VSA). Some examples of these volunteer activities include:

Timekeeping: recording glider up and down times and associated administration

Flight line activities: wing running, point signaling and glider ground handling

Grounds Maintenance: Lawn mowing, (we have a cool lawn mower) edge trimming and general grounds maintenance.

VSA Expectations: The VSA will provide a full training program in order that the student can perform the above activities in a safe manner.

Flight Training: The VSA will provide glider pilot training to the student including: Dual instructional flights with qualified instructors in VSA 2 seat gliders

GROUND SCHOOL: The VSA instructors will provide pre and post flight briefings, instruction on completing daily inspections on gliders, radio license training and some self directed ground school topics including air regulations, theory of flight, meteorology and basic navigation.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS:

Parents of the successful bursary candidates will have to sign a release waiver on behalf of their son or daughter prior to any airfield activities. Some financial commitment is required to cover the \$250 membership fees.

All activities will take place at the Hope airport located 160 km East of Vancouver. Car pooling may be available, but parents may have to provide transportation to the airport as required.

Note that the bursary will cover approximately 8-10 instructional flights. Once those flying credits are used, then the student will have to purchase additional gliding/towing credits.

Application process:

If upon review with your parent(s) or legal guardian you are interested in this bursary program, please fill out the applications form. Ensure that one of your parents signs the form. In addition we ask that you send us a short covering letter explaining why you are interested in flying gliders and contributing to the volunteer efforts of the Vancouver Soaring Association. The directors of the VSA will then review all applicants and will make our selection. We then submit these names to SAC for final approval. SAC may grant the VSA up to 3 bursaries depending on the national response to the program.

Send applications(mail or email) to:
James Swank, VSA president
8926 Queen Mary Blvd
Surrey, B.C.
V3V 6R1
jswank@telus.net

Call James @ **604-590-6954** if you require additional information or have questions about the bursary program

The Vancouver Soaring Association has been operating continuously from the Hope Airport since 1966. The VSA is an all volunteer organization and is a registered association under the Societies Act of B.C.

All VSA instructors are certified by Transport Canada. The membership of the VSA is quite diverse with members coming from a wide variety backgrounds. Examples include Engineering professionals, Software developers, Electricians/Trades people, Lawyers, Professional pilots, retirees, Health workers, business owners etc.

The unique aspect of soaring is that it is almost impossible to do alone and is dependent on people working together in a cooperative manner to ensure that each person can fly. This aspect creates a unique atmosphere where the usual barriers of age and social background are removed. Instead we all come together to “HAVE FUN AND TO FLY GLIDERS SAFELY” which is the VSA’s most important rule.

Go to our website at www.vsa.ca for additional information

Soaring Association of Canada/VANCOUVER SOARING ASSOCIATION
YOUTH BURSARY PROGRAM APPLICATION

Applicant to Complete this Section

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Age: _____ Applicant must be 18 years or age or younger OR between 19 and 25 years of age and enrolled full time in an educational institution

Educational Institution (if applicable) _____

Please briefly describe your soaring goals: _____

Date: _____ Amount Requested (maximum \$500) _____

Applicant's Signature

Parent/Guardian's Signature if Applicant under 18

Applicant's Club to Complete this Section

SAC Club Name: VANCOUVER SOARING ASSOCIATION

If this application is approved the above named club agrees to provide funding to the above named applicant in an amount equal to the SAC Youth Bursary [maximum amount \$500 SAC and \$500 Club – all SAC and Club funding to be for flying costs (tows/glider rental etc.) and not for membership/administrative fees]. All funding must be provided within the calendar year that this application is approved by SAC.

Date: _____

Club Representative's Name (Please Print)

Club Representative's Signature

Position of Club Representative

SAC to Complete this Section

Date: _____

SAC Representative's Name (Please Print)

SAC Representative's Signature Approved Amt. or Not Approved _____

Please mail, email completed application to:

James Swank, VSA president jswank@telus.net
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