



## **MINDEN SOARING CLUB YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2017**

The Minden Soaring Club (MSC) Youth Scholarship is to help young pilots finance flight and ground instruction in preparation for obtaining their private glider rating. The scholarship will be paid directly to the glider flight training school of the scholarship recipient's choice. The Minden Soaring Club, Inc., is a nonprofit IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Our mission is to promote world-class soaring in Minden, Nevada, through education, safety and proficiency, training, and community involvement.

Winners of the scholarship are selected based on their interest and enthusiasm for aviation, their academic record, and letters of recommendation. **Three (3)** scholarships may be awarded for **\$1000** each to be used for flight training and instruction as detailed below. Recipients of the scholarships will be considered for an additional **\$500** upon the recommendation of the recipient's flight instructor. Two of the scholarships will be reserved for applicants who live within a 100 nautical mile radius of the Minden-Tahoe Airport, Minden, Nevada. The MSC Board of Trustees, or their designated representatives, will determine the number of recipients and the scholarship amount to be awarded.

Scholarship recipients are required to study for and take a practice written test within a reasonable time after their initial flight lesson – no later than **September 1, 2017**. This practice test, like the FAA knowledge test, must consist of 60 questions and be completed in two hours. Qualified instructors will assist recipients with their test questions will provide ground school training. If the recipient does not pass the practice test before September 1, 2017, the student's scholarship will terminate and all funds remaining in their scholarship account will be returned to the MSC Youth Scholarship Fund.

To qualify, applicants must:

1. Be between the ages of 14 and 21 years as of May 1, 2017;
2. Be able to read, speak and understand English;
3. Have no medical defect that would prevent them from safely operating a glider; and
4. Demonstrate an interest in aviation.

Scholarship recipients are allowed to reapply each year providing they meet the requirements of the scholarship.

The deadline for the 2017 application process is **February 28, 2017**. Interviews with prospective applicants will be held on **Saturday, March 11, 2017** and winners will be announced **March 20, 2017**. Winners are expected to be available for interviews and to attend the Sports Aviation Foundation General Meeting on **Sunday, March 26, 2017** for their award and introduction to the members.

**Completed applications should be sent to the MSC Youth Scholarship Program, PO Box 361 Minden, Nevada 89423 or delivered in person to SoaringNV, 1142 Airport Road, Minden, Nevada. Applications can also be sent via email to [reeps7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:reeps7@sbcglobal.net)**

Please submit your essay (in your own words) detailing:

1. Why you would like to learn to fly a sailplane;
2. Previous aviation experience (including model and radio-controlled aircraft) and level of aviation training attained, if any;
3. Goals planned for your aviation future. Please explain why your goals are beneficial to you, others, and your community.

4. List any unusual circumstances related to your financial need and how your current training, if any, is being financed;
5. Your personal background pertaining to worthiness for the scholarship award;
6. Other activities in which you participate;
7. What you can or might be able to contribute to the soaring community and a commitment to volunteer at one or more events during the soaring season; and

Attach at least one letter of recommendation from someone other than a relative.

*Funds in the recipient's account not used at the end of the calendar year of the award will be returned to the MSC Youth Scholarship Fund. Recipients are required to notify the Minden Soaring Club in writing of their intention to utilize the scholarship and the location of the training facility in order that funds may be paid directly to the training facility. The MSC Board of Trustees reserves the right to adjust these scholarship protocols at their discretion under reasonable circumstances.*

**For more information, please contact Reba Coombs, Treasurer, Minden Soaring Club (775) 230-1278.**



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell or Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Most recent GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the MSC Youth Scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please attach additional pages if necessary.

If under 18 years:

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent signature indicating support of this application for a MSC Youth Scholarship, and willingness to provide transportation and financial support to assist the applicant in his/her aviation goals.

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*Please Print Name*

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*Signature*

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