

Tyler McGregor – Donaldson Scholarship

After 4 months of some of the most fun and concentrated flying, it has successfully led to my obtaining a PPL through a scholarship which is an absolute dream come true and I cannot thank the Honourable Company of AirPilots enough. Flying is without a doubt, one of the biggest parts of my life and always has been. My long-term dream is to become a commercial pilot and then a test pilot to fly as many different types of aircraft as possible. My flying career began at age 12 when I started gliding and since then I have amassed over 300 flights. The next progression from gliding for me was to begin PPL training however it can be very costly so when an opportunity arose to apply for the AirPilots scholarship, I made sure I worked extremely hard to get it.



The flying training itself was amazing, flying out over various cities and towards the Norfolk coast during Nav flights and being able to fly out of Duxford was an experience in itself being in the circuit with Spitfires and Hurricanes which was phenomenal. In addition, the adrenaline from doing PFL's and emergency procedures was amazing. I had done a lot of revision about powered aircraft in previous years, so I felt very prepared.

All in all, it was definitely one of my biggest achievements and I cannot wait to fly more and more as the years go on. Definitely the best year of my life.