



FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR (RESTRICTED) CERTIFICATE SCHOLARSHIP

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS

12th March 2026 at 12 noon

INTERVIEWS IN LONDON

6th May 2026

The aim of the Scholarship Programme is to assist the successful individual, who may not otherwise have the necessary financial resources, to achieve a Flight Instructor (Restricted) Certificate. Successful applicants will be able to demonstrate serious ambition and enthusiasm to become a Flight Instructor as well as good technical knowledge, ability to make a presentation to a small audience and an understanding of the role of a Flight Instructor.

The Scholarship covers direct training and examination costs only; costs of obtaining the required medical certificate, associated travel, subsistence, accommodation, and licence-issue expenses are the responsibility of the Scholarship winner. Applicants must be able to satisfy the relevant UK medical standard to enable the issue of a UK Flight Instructor Rating onto an appropriate licence. Candidates must meet the pre-entry requirements for the Flight Instructor course which are relevant to the licence held.

The Company will expect training to be carried out at an UK Approved Training Organisation based in the United Kingdom which is also approved by the Company. Arrangements should be in place by mid-June and all training and testing completed by 30th September 2026.

Candidates who are long-listed for the Flight Instructor Scholarship will be asked to prepare a short video on a topic to be advised. Candidates who are then short-listed are required to attend (at their own expense) an interview which will be held on 6th May 2026 at the Company office in London. No alternative dates are available. The awards are made by a Selection Committee who will need to see documentary evidence that all pre-entry requirements are met on the interview date and candidates should ensure that these documents are available.

Detailed terms and conditions can be found on the Company website at:

<https://www.airpilots.org/scholarships/flying-scholarships/flying-scholarships-2025/>

Please indicate if you require any reasonable adjustments as part of your application process by contacting the office on the email address below. If you are invited to attend an interview, do you require any assistance or adjustments?

Applications must be made in your own handwriting on this Application Form which should be scanned as a 5-page pdf document no larger than 3mb and emailed to office@airpilots.org. Please save your document firstname.surname

Applications which we believe have been written with the help of AI assistance, or not meeting any of the requirements above, will be disregarded.

Use and Protection of Personal Data

The information that you provide in this form (when completed) is used solely and specifically for selection and administration purposes of the scholarship programme. The Company only uses personal data in accordance with its Data Protection Policy, which conforms with current UK legislation. With your specific permission, your data will be shared with members of the Company for scholarship selection and administrative purposes and will not be released to any third party for other purposes without your prior permission. By signing this form you acknowledge and give consent for the Company to share your details for the purposes stated.

Flight Instructor Scholarship Application Form

Please complete this form in your own handwriting. The completed form should be scanned as a 5-page pdf document and submitted by email. Please do not scan and send the cover sheet.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Email address _____

Contact Telephone (daytime) _____ Contact Telephone (evening) _____

CAREER AND WORK EXPERIENCE (please start with your last or present position)

Employer

Dates

Position and Duties

EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

PARTICULARS OF LICENCES HELD			
Type / Class of Licence	Licence Number	Issue Date	Training Provider

RATINGS HELD			
Rating / Certificate Held	Single Pilot (SP) or Multi Pilot (MP)	Date of test	Expiry Date of Rating

MEDICAL FITNESS			
Class of Medical Certificate Held	Date of Last Medical	Expiry Date	Details of any Restrictions

FLIGHT EXPERIENCE DETAILS		
	Total Hours	Aircraft Types Flown
Total Flight Time		
Total Flight Time as Pilot in Command		
Total Flight Time as Pilot in Command on Single-engine Aircraft		
Total Time as Pilot in Command on VFR Cross-country Flights		
Date of 540km (300nm) cross-country Flight		
Instrument Flight Instruction Received		

APTITUDE TESTING RESULTS

Have you ever taken any Pilot Aptitude Testing?	If so, when and where did this take place?	For which organisation?	Result
Yes / No			

QUESTION #1

The Scholarship is intended to assist pilots who wish to become long-term Flight Instructors who might otherwise not be able to fund their training. Please explain why you are applying for the Scholarship. (Maximum 150 words)

QUESTION #2

The Flight Instructor course is extremely intensive and involves flying ability, teaching skills and technical knowledge. How will you prepare in advance for these requirements to ensure you achieve the best outcomes whilst undertaking the course? (Maximum 120 words)

QUESTION #3

The PPL(A) syllabus has changed over the past year to include training specifically about partial power loss. What do you feel are the main issues for pilots experiencing partial power loss, and what might be some of the challenges of teaching students to deal with them? (Maximum 150 words)

QUESTION #4

Thinking about the PPL syllabus, how might you deal with a student who is having difficulty with the climb? Why might students struggle with this exercise in particular, and what methods could you use to increase their confidence and skills? (Maximum 100 words)

QUESTION #5

Thinking of your own experiences as a student, what is one example of bad instructional technique you have observed and how would you have preferred the instructor to have acted? (Maximum 100 words)

QUESTION #6

Finally, the scholarship requires all training and testing to be completed by 30th September 2026, please briefly outline your plan, if you were successful, to ensure that this occurs. You should include details about holidays booked, work commitments, and contingency plans for weather etc.

- ☐ I confirm that I have read and meet the pre-entry requirements as listed on page one of this form
- ☐ I confirm that I am available to commence training by mid-June 2026 and to be completed by 30th September 2026
- ☐ I agree to abide by the decision of the Selection Committee and, if selected, the conditions of the scholarship
- ☐ I understand that the Selection Committee may wish to exercise the right to take up verbal references from current and/or past employers and schools
- ☐ I hereby certify that all the information included in this application is my own work and is true to the best of my knowledge

Signed _____ Date _____

Applications must be scanned and emailed in the form of a 5-page pdf document (do not include the front sheet). Please DO NOT attach CVs, copies of certificates, continuation sheets etc. Only the application form will be retained and assessed. Applications not complying with these instructions will be disregarded.