

WSPA Scholarship Guidelines

What are the age requirements?

Sky Ghost:

Applicants for the Sky Ghost Scholarship must be 15 years old by May 1 of the year she applies.

Glider Girl:

Applicants for the Glider Girl Scholarship must be 17 years old by May 1 of the year she applies.

Mid Kolstad:

Applicants who will be at least 25 years old on or before the scholarship deadline (normally March 15) can apply for the Mid Kolstad Scholarship. Younger pilots should apply for the Sky Ghost Scholarship.

What can WSPA scholarship funds be used for?

WSPA provides funds to help women meet their flying goals. Funds must be used for the specific goal of the scholarship awarded. For example, a recipient who is awarded a Maria Faber Scholarship to learn cross country could use the funds for cross country instruction, tows for cross country flights, checkouts in a single-seat glider she will fly cross country, registration fees at the Women's Cross Country Camp, and similar expenses. Flights to take friends or family for rides would not be applicable to the goal, so scholarship funds could not be used for those flights.

Here are specific lists of expenses that may or may not be charged to the scholarships:

Allowable Charges to Scholarships:

- Tows, rental, and instructor fees
- Designated Pilot Examiner fees
- Written test fees (not including tests taken before the scholarship award)
- Books and other study references (such as *Dauntless* or other test preparation software) needed for the scholarship goal
- Registration fees, if directly related to the scholarship goal (WSPA Seminar, Thermal Camp, Wave Camp, Ridge Camp, Winch Camp, Women's XC Camp, etc.)

Expenses That Are Not Allowable Charges to Scholarships:

- Dues of any kind (club, WSPA, SSA or other national organization, etc.)
- Club initiation fees
- Travel
- Expenses that do not further progress toward the scholarship goal. However, scholarship recipients who complete their scholarship goal with funds remaining can use those funds toward additional flying that will continue their growth as a glider pilot (all funds to be used by the scholarship expiration date).

Note: WSPA scholarship funds cannot be paid out for any expenses that were incurred prior to the scholarship award.

Can I get reimbursed for expenses in advance?

Designated Pilot Examiner fees and FAA written test fees will only be paid after passing the test. A scholarship recipient may be reimbursed directly for examiner or test fees she paid, as long as a receipt showing the amounts paid and proof of the successful completion of the test is submitted for payment to the WSPA Treasurer. The same policy applies to registration fees for contests, seminars, or camps. Reimbursement can be made after attending the event provided a receipt for the fee paid is provided along with some verification of attendance at the event.

If I was previously awarded a scholarship, can I apply again for the same scholarship?

Previous scholarship recipients can only be awarded one scholarship of any given type for a specific rating or goal. For example, a recipient who has used up the funds for a Sky Ghost or Mid Kolstad Scholarship but has not completed her scholarship goal is not eligible to apply for that scholarship again. However, a previous Glider Girl recipient who did complete her goal, such as a Commercial certificate, may apply again for the CFIG or a towpilot endorsement.

I was previously awarded a scholarship and did not use up those funds. Can I apply for another WSPA scholarship when I have funds remaining from a previous scholarship?

- *Scholarship Recipients Who Have Met Their Goal:*
Recipients who have completed their goal (certification, advanced soaring, contest flying, towpilot checkout, etc.), are always encouraged to use their remaining funds for additional flying that will further their growth as a glider pilot. They must use all funds before the scholarship expires. If that recipient is not able to use up their funds and wish to apply for another scholarship, they must agree to forfeit any funds remaining at the award date (approximately April 15), if they receive that new scholarship.
- *Scholarship Recipients Who Have Not Met Their Goal:*
Recipients who have not met their original scholarship goal, whether or not they have funds left, are not eligible to apply for another WSPA scholarship until they meet the original goal (certification, advanced soaring, contest flying, towpilot checkout, etc.).

I still have questions. Who should I contact?

If you have questions related to scholarships, reach out to the WSPA Scholarship Chairman at scholarships@womensoaring.org. Be patient, as it may take a few days to get a response, but the Chairman is always willing to answer your questions before you apply or after your scholarship is awarded.