

The Air League Flying Scholarships 2019 Application Criteria

In order to qualify for a flying scholarship, you must:

- Be a permanent UK resident*
- Be between 17- 35 years of age to apply. You must have turned 18 and be no older than 35 on the 1st April 2019.
- Have GCSEs at Grade C/4 or SNE at Grade 5 or SCE Standard Grades at Grade 2/SNE 5 in English and Maths and at least three other subjects. Have at least 2 A2 Levels/3 Highers at Grade C or above (excluding General Studies or Critical Thinking) which must total a minimum of 64 UCAS points
- **Not** hold a LAPL, NPPL or PPL with a Single-Engine Piston Aircraft Rating (SEP). Those who have already started training for a LAPL, NPPL or PPL may use the scholarship towards its completion.
- Be able to meet the requirements for a Class 2 medical <https://www.caa.co.uk/General-aviation/Pilot-licences/EASA-requirements/Medical/EASA-Part-MED-requirements/>
- Be able to meet the requirements for English language proficiency (for further information visit <https://www.caa.co.uk/General-aviation/Pilot-licences/EASA-requirements/General/Language-proficiency/>) To meet the English language proficiency (at Level 4) means you should be able to:
 - Communicate effectively voice-only and face-to-face
 - Communicate on common and work-related topics with accuracy and clarity
 - Use appropriate communicative strategies to exchange messages and to recognise and resolve misunderstandings in a general or work-related context
 - Be able to use language effectively in a difficult or emergency work-related situation or communication task, that you have not encountered before
 - Speak in an accent or dialect that can be understood
- Meet certain weight and height criteria in order to meet the minimum safety requirements. Therefore, you must not:
 - weigh more than 103kg (228lbs) or less than 44kg (7 stone or 98 pounds)
 - be over 6' 4" (193cm) in height. The minimum height is approximately five feet (152 cm).
- Be a member of The Air League (or be applying to be a member at the time of application for the scholarship). To join, visit <https://www.airleague.co.uk/membership/>
- **Please note:** Some Air Cadets or those belonging to other youth organisations who belong to a squadron/section/group who have paid an annual fee for free applications to be submitted by it's members only need to become Air League members should they be successful in securing a scholarship. Please contact your leader for further information about eligibility under this special scheme.
- Be happy to give back. All Air League Scholars and bursary holders in 2019 must commit to volunteering for at least 2 activities on the Air League's behalf. This might be coming to help us at Air Shows or other events, going to your local school to talk about your experiences etc. We will be asking you to contribute in fun ways to help get more young people involved and excited about careers in aviation and aerospace plus at the same time, give you fantastic new opportunities to develop yourself and gain new friends and experiences.

Application Process

- Selection will be based on the electronic application and, after short-listing, on an interview to be held in March-April 2019 at various locations around the UK.
- There is an opportunity for those candidates aged between 18-26 aspiring to become a military pilots to take part in OASC pilot aptitude testing at RAF Cranwell in March-April 2019. The opportunity cannot be extended to those over the age of 26 due to the age

restrictions posed by the military for entry into service as a pilot. This opportunity is only experiential and will not form part of the decision-making process for whom the scholarships will be awarded to.

- Travel to Cranwell will be at the candidates' own expense. An overnight stay at Cranwell may be necessary however it is anticipated that meals and accommodation at RAF Cranwell will be complimentary.
- Travel to the interview location will be at the candidates own expense.

Application & Awards

- All application forms must be submitted by 2nd January 2019. Late applications will not be accepted.
- You need to be available for interview in March/ April 2019. Dates will be communicated as soon as they become available.
- Scholarship winners will be notified by May 2019.
- Your name, approximate location (e.g. London) and named scholarship awarded will be announced in the Air League Newsletter and website over the summer. Please provide your explicit consent for this in the application form.

2019 Flying Schools

You will be provided with an option of different flying schools and locations for 2019. For residential courses lasting approximately 10 days, you can preference for the following schools/ locations:

- **South Warwickshire Flying School, Wellesbourne Mountford**
- **Tayside Aviation, Dundee**
- **Wycombe Air Centre, Booker**
- **Oxford Airport**
- **South West**

These locations may be subject to last minute changes depending on availability and other unforeseeable factors. We therefore ask you to state 3 preferences. We will always endeavour to give you your first preference but this may not always be possible.

The Air League office will work with you to find the most optimal time for you to complete your scholarship during May-September 2019. **If you do not complete your scholarship by the 1st October 2019, the Air League reserves the right to withdraw your scholarship funding.**

Local board and accommodation will be provided. However, you will be responsible for travel from home to the flying school and return at the start and end of the scholarship period. **If you live close enough to travel daily from home and choose not to use the residential option provided, the Trust will not fund the cost of travel.**

New Locations

This year, you also have an option to complete your scholarship at a flying school that has been awarded ATO (approved training organisation) status by the CAA or with RAFFCA (Royal Air Force Flying Clubs Association). Should you choose to take up this opportunity, you will need to pay for your own travel and accommodation during your scholarship. If you are considering this option and are awarded a scholarship, please get in touch with the Air League office (info@airleague.co.uk) as we will need to ensure that your chosen training organisation meets our standards. Therefore, we withhold the right to accept some training providers until they've been able to satisfy all criteria.

Please note:

- Some flying schools will be more expensive and have separate landing fees payable which could reduce the number of flying hours awarded.
- Some schools may charge for ground training and ground examinations and such charges are not included in the award.
- Medical certification fees are not included in the scholarship award.

Further information and conditions

- Successful scholars will be awarded 12-flying hours to be flown during the summer of 2019. The scholarships must be completed by 1st October 2019 otherwise you will lose the scholarship.
- Priority for scholarships will be given to those who are yet to have been given a scholarship by the Air League.
- You can apply for as many different types of Air League scholarships and bursaries as you like however please note you will not be awarded more than one Air League Scholarship or bursary per year. The selection panel reserve the right to choose the most appropriate scholarship or bursary where more than one successful application has been made.
- Successful scholars will be invited to the Air League Annual Reception held at St James' Palace in the Spring of 2020.
- Every year, a flying scholar is eligible to be awarded the Prince Philip PPL bursary which entitles the winner to a further 30 hours of flying training. This award is given to best flying scholar for that season.
- If you are found to have provided false information knowingly, the Air League reserves to withdraw your scholarship application. No refunds for Air League membership will be issued at this point.
- All suppliers (ie. ATOs) must have applicable insurances as required by the regulator the CAA. However, you should be aware that personal insurance is the responsibility of the scholar and not The Air League Trust.

*** According to government guidance, to be classed as a UK resident:**

- *You must have spent 183 or more days in the UK in the current tax year*
- *Your only home must be in the UK.*
- *You must have owned, rented or lived in the home or at least 91 days in total and spent at least 30 days there in the current tax year*