

Air Pilots/BGA Young Gliding Instructor Bursary Application

Before going any further, please read this!

Instructing is a hugely rewarding activity and there's no doubt that the training that leads up to an instructor qualification improves any pilots flying skills and knowledge. And instructing doesn't need to get in the way of other gliding. Here's British Junior Gliding Team member Matt Davis;

"I can highly recommend getting an instructor rating as a fun way to expand your gliding experience. My summer working as a BI really helped me to appreciate the 'other' side of gliding to cross country racing, and the two sides can work great in tandem. I have done many mornings instructing then jumped in a single seater to do a 300km task in the afternoon. It also gives you the chance to show people this awesome sport, and there isn't much better than seeing the grin on someone's face after giving them their first taste of flight!"

Of course instructor training does result in cost. Hardly surprising as it's mainly about flying. There are two instructor qualifications that an Honourable Company of Air Pilot young instructor bursary can support. Assistant instructor applications will be prioritised.

Basic Instructor. The course is arranged at club level, usually between the CFI and regional coaching and examining team. Where approved, **the £500 bursary is paid to the club where the course takes place.**

Assistant Instructor. This course is arranged in modules;

- Teaching and learning – the A module – usually a winter weekend in a briefing room
- Club based training – the B module - delivered over whatever period works for you at your club
- Progress check – the C module – where one of the BGA approved coaches makes sure you are ready for the final bit of the course
- Instructor training on a 5-7 day course – the D module delivered by approved BGA coaches

Where approved, **the BGA fee for the entire course is waived, and the £1000 bursary in full is paid to the club at which the final module – the D module – takes place.**

Notes to applicants

- a) Please ensure that you take care completing this application. If you feel something doesn't apply to you, please indicate so rather than leave a blank space.
- b) To apply for a bursary you must be a member of a British Gliding Association gliding club, you must meet the requirements for training for the relevant BGA instructor rating, and you must be recommended for instructor training by your CFI. BGA instructor requirements are detailed at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/bga-requirements-guidance/instructor-requirements/>.
- c) You must be at least 16 and under 25 years of age on application.
- d) On completion of the instructor training you must supply the BGA with a brief written report that can be used to inform the bursary funders.
- e) When sections 1&2 have been completed, please ask your Chief Flying Instructor to complete section 3.
- f) You should submit the completed application by post or email (details below).
- g) The BGA will at its sole discretion select the successful applicants.

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Section 1: To be completed by the applicant

First Name(s):		Surname:
Age:	Gender:	Date of Birth:
Home address:		
Post Code:		
Tel No:		
Email address:		
Applicants gliding club name:		
Bursary requested: Basic Instructor course / Assistant Instructor course (delete as applicable)		
Gliding club at which the BI course / Instructor course D module (delete as applicable) will take place:		
Do you currently meet the BGA requirements to qualify as a Basic/Assistant instructor (delete as applicable) assuming successful completion of the course? Yes / No		
Does your club offer reduced flying fees for instructor development and training? Yes / No		
Have you received other related funding, eg Learning Credits? Yes/No		
Please let us know why you should be awarded a gliding instructor course bursary (not more than 200 words). Please provide your comments in a separate document attached to this application.		

By signing this application. I accept the terms and conditions of the bursary scheme

Signed by applicant:

Date:

Section 2: To be completed by the parent/guardian (under 18 years of age only)

Statement of parental consent and acceptance of Terms and Conditions	
I have read the above application and understand the related terms and conditions.	
Name:	Signature:
Relationship to applicant:	Date:

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Section 3: To be completed by the Chief Flying Instructor of the applicants gliding club.

Notes:

- a. You must know the applicant personally
- b. We ask that you comment on the applicant's suitability to receive this bursary rather than merely countersigning the application
- c. You should see the complete application including section 1 and 2
- d. Once completed the form should be handed back to the applicant for submission

CFI statement:

The applicant is a member at my club. I have read the application and discussed it with the applicant. I have recommended the applicant for training for the instructor rating described, I am confident that the applicant will successfully complete the training following which I will expect the applicant to support my club as an instructor.

CFI Name:

Signature:

Date:

When all the sections have been completed, please submit the application including the personal statement by email to lizzie@gliding.co.uk, or by post to:

Air Pilots/BGA Instructor Bursaries
BGA
8 Merus Court
Meridian Business Park
Leicester LE19 1RJ

The bursary administrator will confirm receipt of application. All communication relating to the instructor bursaries is to be made with the BGA.