

Ted Lys Award Application

Edward Lysakowski, usually known as Ted Lys, was a well-known UK glider pilot who from the early 1970s until his untimely death in 1998 competed in UK National Championships, and in European Championships as a member of the British Team. His wife Krystyna and their daughter Karen established the Ted Lys awards in his memory.

The aims of the awards are to help UK based pilots of at least Silver badge standard to make advancement towards fulfilling personal aspirations in any sphere of gliding.

The trust makes a number of Ted Lys awards annually with the application process typically October through December with the awards being communicated in January and publicly awarded at the BGA conference in February.

The dead line for application is: 23:59 on the 1st of January 2026

Applications are invited from individuals and groups, including clubs. Historically Ted Lys awards were focussed on cross-country, competition, and mountain flying, however the scope of the award has been widened and we welcome applications to support advanced training for any kind of flight in gliders. (The trustees do not consider training related to going solo, initial post solo development, bronze flying and early cross country, or similar "advanced training".)

Reflecting the pattern of the original Ted Lys awards where recipients attended coaching events with fellow Ted Lys award recipients, the trust will be particularly interested in proposals for group participation or specifically organised coaching activity.

There are a variety of opportunities that may meet the aspirations of a pilot wanting to advance their gliding skills and experience. The following list gives examples (the trust does not make recommendations) of the kind of activity that the trust would consider supporting.

- Cross-country soaring courses
- Master class coaching
- Mountain soaring courses
- Aerobatics courses
- Other advance training or development programmes

Applications for any individual or group training that meets your aspirations will be considered. Typically, Ted Lys awards are for 50% of any flying or course costs, and also travel costs where travel costs are significant, but the trustees do vary the awards to fit our budget.

We look forward to receiving your application.

Ted Lys Award Funding

The monies for the Ted Lys awards come from 'Launchpoint', which is a charitable trust funded by donations by glider pilots and other generous people. Launchpoint does not have a huge pool of capital or regular interest to draw on so to continue making Ted Lys awards (and Caroline awards, which it also funds) the trust relies on new donations.

Please consider donating or fund raising for the trust. A number of pilots have also left the trust a legacy in their will. There is more information at

<https://members.gliding.co.uk/launchpoint/leaving-a-gift-in-your-will/>

Section A – Individual Ted Lys Award Application

Group or Individual Application

The application form has three sections. You need to complete only two of them.

If the application is for:

- ☐ Yourself (single pilot)

Please complete:

- ☐ **Error! Reference source not found.**
- ☐ Section C – CFI/ Club Endorsement

- ☐ Group flying (multiple pilots)

Please complete

- ☐ Section B – Group activity application
- ☐ Section C – CFI/ Club Endorsement

Please either complete the application electronically or on paper. And return it to us as a PDF, MsWord document or PDF of the scanned paper application.

If the space on the form is insufficient, please extend the answer box as you need or add additional pages as required.

Deadline for applications

Completed forms should be submitted before **23:59pm on the 1st of January 2026**

Sending in an application for an award

Please submit your completed application by email to:

tedlysawards@launchpoint.org.uk

This email address can also be used for any other correspondence about Ted Lys awards.

Notes

Applications are open to all members of UK gliding community. When deciding between applications of otherwise equal merit, the trustees will give special consideration to women, juniors, and those who have disabilities or other disadvantages.

There are guidance notes on **what makes a good application** on our website:

<https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/ct/ted-lys-award-guidance/>

This form and guidance notes are available from the Launchpoint website Ted Lys Award application page: <https://members.gliding.co.uk/launchpoint/ted-lys-award-application/>

Section A – Individual Ted Lys Award Application

Applicant

Name:	
Address:	Telephone contact numbers:
	Email(s):
	Age:
Home gliding club:	
Are you a member of another gliding club or do you regular fly at another club?	

Brief Summary of your present standard and experience

(Please give us a sentence or two that describes you as a glider pilot.)

[illegible]

Your Goals for Gliding

(*Short* description of what you want to achieve)

[illegible]

Ted Lys Award – What are you asking us to support

Are you intending to do a course? Do you have an ad-hoc training programme, if so, what does it include? Please write as much as you need; don't feel limited to the small space below.

Continue space below:

Ted Lys Award – Timetable

What is the intended or proposed timetable for the activity?

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Section A – Individual Ted Lys Award Application

Ted Lys Award – Costs

What are the costs of the activities you are asking for a Ted Lys award to support?

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Flying Experience & Qualifications

The normal minimum qualification for a Ted Lys Award is a completed FAI Silver C.

Please give us an idea of how much flying you have done in total and in the last two years.

Total gliding hours		Last 24 months	
No. of winch launches		Last 24 months	
No. of aerotows		Last 24 months	
No. of self-launch		Last 24 months	
Other aviation:			

Gliding Qualifications & Achievements

		<u>Date Obtained (1)</u>		
SPL (if applicable)				
FAI Silver complete				
BGA 100 km Diploma (Part I / Part 2)		/		
FAI Gold Badge. (Distance / Height)		/	/	
FAI Diamond (Goal / Distance / Height)		/	/	
or	BGA Instructor (Basic / Ass't / Full)	/	/	
	SFCL Flight Instructor (Sailplanes)			
Aerobatic badge. (Standard / Sports / Intermediate / Unlimited)		/	/	/

1 - (exact date is not required, month/year is acceptable)

Your Flying

Describe your gliding experience, the kind of flying you normally do, and what is most important to you. Please also comment on any noteworthy flights and achievements, aspirations and goals.

Section A – Individual Ted Lys Award Application

Final questions!

If you do not receive a Ted Lys award to help cover the cost your proposal, how will you fund this flying?

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Do have any kind of disability?
(Y/N/Do not wish to answer)

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By signing below, I confirm that the information I have given is accurate and that the development activity I propose is not and will not be the subject of any concurrent funding or application for funding from any other organisation.

Name:
Signature:
Date:

Section B – Group activity application

Applicant and Contact representing group

Name:	
Address:	Telephone contact numbers:
	Email(s):
Home gliding club:	

The Objective of the Activity you are asking us to support

(Short description of what the group will achieve)

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Ted Lys Award – What are you/ your group asking us to support

Please describe the activity you are proposing.

Please write as much as you need; don't feel limited by the small space below.

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Ted Lys Award – Timetable

What is the intended or proposed timetable for the activity?

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Ted Lys Award – Costs

What are the costs of the activities you are asking for a Ted Lys award to support?

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Ted Lys Award – Delivery

Who will manage and deliver the activity? If its not a BGA club (or similar) or a well know coach please summarise their gliding experience and background.

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Section B – Group activity application

Flying Experience & Qualifications

The normal minimum qualification for a Ted Lys Award is a completed FAI Silver C.

What are, or do you believe will be the flying experience and qualifications of those benefiting from the Ted Lys Award? (If there are named individuals, please name them and tell us about them. If it's a particular group or subset of your club or community please describe how you will select them and their likely background and abilities. Please include gliding experience, FAI badges, experience of the activity you are proposing.)

If you do not receive a Ted Lys award to help cover the cost of your proposal how will you fund this activity?

Do any of the those who would benefit from the Ted Lys award have any kind of disability?

(Y/N/Do not wish to answer)

By signing below, I confirm that the information I have given is accurate and that the development activity I propose is not and will not be the subject of any concurrent funding or application for funding from any other organisation.

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Section C – CFI/ Club Endorsement

Note to Sponsor (preferably Club CFI or Chairman):

To help with the selection of candidates please give as full an endorsement as you are able, bearing in mind your relationship and acquaintance with the applicant.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the details on this form are correct and that the applicant is suitable for an award, having in mind the aims of the Trust. My reasons for endorsing this application are:

Name:	Signed: / (or email submission)
Sponsor's qualification / position in Club:	
Sponsor's address:	
Email:	
Preferred Phone:	

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