

Guidance for Ted Lys Award applications



We have attempted to make the Ted Lys application process simple and self-explanatory, and offer the following advice on what makes a good application.

A good application:

- Clearly states what advanced training the pilot wants support for, why they want to do this training and the goal of the training.
- Is clear and realistic about the expected cost of the activity.
Estimates are acceptable, but it helps if they are broken down for example:
 Estimate 10 launches at £9 each = £90
 Estimate 5 hours in club glider (£50/ hour) = £250
- Is either a recognised course, activity, or programme with a club, training organisation or coach,
Or contains an appropriately detailed programme so we can understand how it supports the training goal.
- Is one where the award will make a significant difference to the applicant(s)

The Ted Lys award is for advanced gliding training, and aimed at pilots with a SilverC. Having significantly more experience does not count against the applicant. Ted Lys awards have been made in the past to pilots without a SilverC for exceptional applications.

We are unlikely to award to:

- British Team training activities and British Team competition funding
- Vague requests for money to go flying i.e. which are not part of a development program towards identified goals.
- Requests for an individual award totalling over £2000, (awards are typically less than £1000)
- Activities that are not flying or flying related (e.g. subsistence costs).

We will not award to:

- Pilot's who are not based in the UK. (A pilot's nationality is not a concern, we just look for the pilot to be part of the UK gliding community.)

Additional Notes on Group Awards

Applications for group based advance training are very welcome.

When considering a group based application the trustees find it useful to understand:

- Who will receive the training, the qualification and the experience level of the trainees (We want those involved to be SilverC)
- If the trainees will be selected after the award is made the trustees will be interested in how they will be selected and their likely experience

Ideally an application for a group award will be for activities where the trainees are together sharing the experience, for example: an expedition, a training course.