

The Wally Kahn Scholarships

The Lasham Charitable Trust (LCT) is inviting applications from suitable glider pilots for a six day cross country course at Lasham, with coaching from a top instructor to help them gain their Silver badge. If you meet the terms listed below, we would like to hear from you.

The purpose of the Wally Kahn Scholarships is to help keen pilots who are at a relatively early stage in the gliding career towards getting the Silver badge.

The successful candidates will be those who would be really helped by this opportunity and who, for whatever reason, have not so far been able to achieve the necessary cross country flying, height gain or endurance from within their own means at their own club or elsewhere. Up to four places are on offer and the Trustees will need to understand from candidates how a Silver badge might help their own development, not only in their gliding careers but also in their personal lives away from gliding.

So, what is on offer? This year (2017), the LCT will provide two six day courses at Lasham, each course for up to two people, flying Lasham's Duo Discus XLT with a top cross country instructor and, if the opportunity arises, for the candidates to fly their first 50km flight in one of Lasham Gliding Society's single seat gliders. This year, the courses will run alongside the European Gliding Championships at Lasham starting on 5th August 2017 and 12th August 2017. Course participants will also be able to be involved in helping the Lasham team with some of the competition activities.

What will it cost? The LCT will cover all flying, training and retrieve costs. Camping facilities and all domestic facilities at Lasham will be provided free by Lasham. The only costs that participants will have to cover are travel costs getting to and from Lasham and the cost of their own food and drink during their stay at Lasham. They will also need to provide their own camping equipment.

Suitable applicants must be members of a BGA accredited gliding club, although adult members of the Air Cadet organisation are welcome to apply provided that they are also active members of a BGA or GSA club. They will have already gained their Bronze Endorsement but will not yet have achieved their Silver. Candidates will need to give the reasons why they have not yet been able to do so. Candidates will need to have their applications endorsed and recommended by their own Club CFI or Chairman. Suitable candidates will be people who have already demonstrated an involvement and keenness in their own gliding clubs and will need to explain to the Trustees how a Silver qualification would help them in their own personal development as well as helping them with their careers in gliding.

Applications should initially be by letter or by e-mail to manager@lasham.org.uk or by post to The General Manager, Lasham Gliding Society, Avenue Road, Basingstoke, GU34 5SS. Applications should include the following information:

- Their name, date of birth and contact details.
- A brief resume of their gliding career to date including when they started gliding, which clubs they have belonged to, which gliders they have flown, hours flown and number of launches.

- Details of any Silver legs or cross country endorsement so far completed.
- In their own words:
 - The reason why they have not so far been able to complete their Silver badge
 - If they were awarded a Wally Kahn Scholarship, a paragraph describing how it might help them in their future gliding career and with personal development outside gliding
- Availability for the week commencing 5th August and/or 12th August 2017.
- An endorsement and a note of recommendation by their club CFI.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Philpott by email: mike@philpott.tv or telephone 07860 490263.

The closing date for applications is 30th June 2017 and telephone interviews to shortlist will be held shortly after this date. Further interviews via telephone or via Skype might be necessary.

We look forward to hearing from some great applicants.