Royal Aero Club Trust 2022 Bursaries to enable progression in Air Sport & Aviation Associated Activities.

In 2002 the Royal Aero Club Trust as part of its Flying for Youth Program (FfY) launched a Bursary Scheme for young people between 16 and 21 years of age, to provide financial assistance for those wishing to upgrade their existing qualification in a wide range of air sports and aviation related activities. To be eligible they must provide proof that they are a member of one of the Royal Aero Club's air sports associations. In 2015 the Bursary Scheme was expanded to open the programme to young people from the age of 14 years and to introduce a new category of bursary – "The Advanced Bursary" – for exceptionally talented previous bursary winners, up to age 24 years wishing to seek the highest level of attainment. Previous recipients of bursaries have gone on to represent the UK internationally and become air sport world champions. Others have qualified as instructors and coaches. In 2022 25 bursaries were awarded the detail of which is shared below.

Bursary Winners 2022

Given the pandemic crisis, there was a good response for the call for bursary applicants and 25 bursaries have been offered. All credit to the young air sport applicants and their Clubs who were determined to advance their air sport qualifications regardless of the crisis.

The Flying for Youth scheme is heavily reliant on sponsors including: The Patron, the Lord Peter Cruddas Foundation, the Royal Aeronautical Society, Breitling, Doctor Brian Bramson, George Farha, John Downer, the Crocker Family, the Andrew Brownsword Foundation and the Pooley Bursary donated by Sebastian Pooley MD Pooley Flight Equipment Ltd. We and the recipients are very grateful for their continued support.

If you are interested in being awarded a bursary, then please read the instructions on the website carefully so that your application flys.

Here are 3 of the successful applicants for 2022.

Ylva Luise Grosche aged 16 who lives in Cambridgeshire has been awarded a bursary to help her gain the BGA Bronze badge and Cross-Country endorsement. Glider flying is in her blood as both grandfather and father are glider pilots.



Daisy May is 20 and a member of her University Club and she skydives in the East Midlands. She started skydiving in 2021 and has already gained her A License. She has been awarded a bursary to complete the FS1 qualification.



Christabel started skydiving in early 2021, loved it and progressed very quickly through the qualifications. She applied for and was awarded a bursary to train for the BSA Freefly 1 qualification.



The full list of bursary winners for 2022 is:

Name	Age	Club/Sponsor	Qualification Sought
Light Aircraft			
James Shenton	18	Turweston Flying Club	Instrument Rating
Gliding			
Alex Gilmour	15	Denbigh Gliding Club	BGA Bronze Award
Ylva Grosche	16	Cambridge Gliding Club	BGA Bronze Award
Jorvan Meyrick	15	The Gliding Centre	BGA Standard Aerobatics Award
Elliot Apperley	15	Cotswold Gliding Club	BGA Cross Country Award
Joshua Yates	18	Norfolk Gliding Club	BGA Bronze Award
Skydiving			
James O'Conor	21	Skydive Headcorn	BSA Formation Skydiving 1
Carl Le Hegarat	18	Skydive Headcorn	BSA Formation Skydiving 1
Catherine Bayada	19	Army Parachute Association	BSA Basic Instructor Award
Adam Drew	20	UK Parachuting Beccles	BSA Formation/Freefly 1
Millan Grieve	19	UK Parachuting Beccles	BSA Formation/Freefly 1
Cian-David Moore	20	Army Parachuting Association	BSA Formation/Freefly 1
Jessica Hill	20	Black Knights Centre	BSA Formation Skydiving 1
Fern Devonport	20	Skydive Langar	BSA Tracking 1
Keeley Titterton	20	Skydive Langar	BSA Formation/Freefly 1
Kieran Mullis	21	Skydive Langar	BSA Canopy Training 3

Christabel Gordon	21	Skydive Langar	BSA Formation/Freefly 1
Paraglide and Hangglide			
Finley Redford	16	Airworks	Club Pilot Rating
Flight Simulator			
Adam Lowther	14	Milton Keynes Scouts	Air Experience
Aero Modelling			
Alexander Ladell	14	Bury MFC	Upgrade Eqpt
Advanced			
Tom Smith	24	Hinton	Tandem Instructor
Alex Jonhson	21	Langar	CF1
Alice Marshall	22	Langar	British Artistics
Archie Buxton	22	Buckminster	Basic Instructor
Jack Jenner Hall	15	Norfolk	Basic Instructor