

## **The Kyneton Aero Club Flying Scholarship**

### **Background**

The Kyneton Aero Club (KAC) flying scholarship will commence in 2023 with a seed donation from the estate of member Colin McAvoy and subsequent support from current club members.

The scholarship is a support program for young people with a demonstrated interest in aviation. It is open to new students and to people who have already commenced flight training.

It is open to persons aged between 16 and 22 years of age on 1 January 2023.

The scholarship will pay 50% of the cost of each instructional or flying hour, to a maximum total value of \$5,000. This value will be provided progressively as the training is undertaken.

Training is based on competency rather than hours of study (the RAA Pilot Certificate generally takes between 20-30 flying hours to achieve.) Once scholarship funds have been consumed, KAC expects the student will continue to pay for training at standard rates.

The scholarship does not pay for KAC student membership, RAAus annual membership and joining fees, Pilots Logbook, headset, or any other training material required.

### **Selection Criteria**

Applicants must:

- 1) undertake a Trial Introductory Flight with KAC at applicant's expense.
- 2) In a self-authored letter of no more than 500 words, applicants must demonstrate to the assessors their passion for aviation. Applicants should identify:
  - a) how and when they developed their interest in aviation;
  - b) how they have nurtured their passion for aviation by activities such as Air Cadets, membership of a club, hobbies or school/education subject selections;
  - c) their initial reaction to their Trial Introductory Flight with KAC;
  - d) why they want to earn their pilot certificate; and
  - e) how they want aviation to be part of their life either as a career or as a private flyer.
- 3) provide a reference of no more than 300 words from a schoolteacher or community leader who has known the applicant for at least 5 years;
- 4) Applicants must also:
  - a) be no less than 16 and not more than 22 years old at the time of making their application;
  - b) if under the age of 18 years, provide written consent from a parent or guardian to allow them to undergo RAAus flying training;
  - c) if not a holder of a driver's licence, provide written and signed confirmation (from a parent or guardian if under 18) that they meet the medical requirement for the issue of a motor vehicle driver's licence;
  - d) live within a practical distance of the Kyneton airfield and have means of transport to and from the airfield; and

### **Expectations**

KAC expects that scholarship recipients will:

- possess the necessary English language skills and general aptitude to facilitate their education.

- agree to participate in ongoing surveys and evaluation activities after completion of the scholarship.
- consent to KAC publishing their name, age, town, photograph and training progression details for related promotional and reporting purposes.
- inform KAC (preferably, in advance) of extenuating circumstances that will (or could) delay or prevent their training progression.

### **Where to send Application Forms**

Applications should be submitted electronically to [secretary@kynetonaeroclub.org](mailto:secretary@kynetonaeroclub.org) (bearing the subject line "2023 Scholarship Application").

### **How will applications be processed?**

Applications will be assessed by a panel appointed by the KAC Committee and will be graded solely based on selection criteria.

The panel will:

- validate all applications.
- consider reports from KAC instructors on aptitude shown in a Trial Introductory Flight.
- advise successful applicants of the outcome
- advise unsuccessful applicants and thank them for their participation.

The panel's gradings will remain confidential, however applicants are welcome to request feedback.

### **Terms and Conditions**

- scholarships are valid for 12 months from the date of award.
- applications open on 1 January 2023 and will close on 28 February 2023
- Applicants are to complete their training within twelve months of the date of the scholarship.