

The Minnesota Soaring Club and the Phil Schacht Memorial Youth Scholarship

Founded in 1959, the Minnesota Soaring Club (MSC) is a group of about 100 people who have joined together to own and operate soaring equipment, to conduct soaring flights, and to share the unique experiences of soaring. The club is based at Stanton Airfield in Stanton, Minnesota. The Phil Schacht Memorial Youth Scholarship is named in honor of MSC member Phil Schacht. Phil was an active member in our club who found great enjoyment instructing and mentoring young pilots. He was an Air Force veteran as well as a retired Northwest Airlines Captain. Phil was killed in an accident in 2008. To honor his memory and commitment to youth in aviation the Minnesota Soaring Club, along with Phil's wife Sue, have created a scholarship that is awarded to a youth ages 14-22 who have a sincere interest in pursuing flight training in gliders. Scholarship applicants must complete an application including a 400-500 word essay describing their goals and previous experiences related to soaring. A scholarship selection committee comprised of three members appointed by the Minnesota Soaring Club president is responsible for selection of the recipients. Recipients will receive membership for one season in the Minnesota Soaring Club for the purpose of flight training. This includes membership in the Soaring Society of America during the period of the scholarship. The scholarship includes a stipend to cover a portion of training costs (glider use fee and tow plane charges). Awardees will be responsible for flight fees incurred in excess of the stipend. MSC will pursue raising additional funds through donations for a portion of the membership dues and flight fees. Award does not include privileges of other MSC membership categories, such as voting rights or membership equity rights. To apply, please visit our website at www.mnsoaringclub.com/library/#club, where you will find an information document and the application form. If you have questions, please email us at mnsoaringclub@gmail.com.