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2020 SA Group "Smith Fund" Flying Scholarships

1.0 Background and Expectations

- 1.1** The Smith Fund has provided a grant to the South Australia Group. This grant includes a \$1000 element for two flying scholarships (\$500 each).
- 1.2** The South Australia Group Council has matched this amount with a further \$1000 resulting in two \$1,000 flying scholarships being made available.
- 1.3** Regular attendance at the flying school is recommended with an aim to achieve weekly flights so that the learning process is not hindered through large gaps in attendance.

2.0 Introduction

- 2.1** Families and cadets of successful scholarship winners may choose the flying school. The flying school must have a current Air Operators Certificate as a flying school or be recognised as a training venue by the Gliding Federation of Australia (GFA).
- 2.2** The scholarship will be deposited into the account of the nominated flying school and the scholarship winner will draw down on the scholarship to cover instruction, memberships, training materials and flying hours until it is fully consumed. Any unused funds will be returned to the Australia Air League. It is anticipated that cadets and families will add to the scholarship funds to further flying training to achieve milestones such as licences.
- 2.3** The scholarship can be used to fund member fees of associations related to the flying school such as the Gliding Federation of Australia.
- 2.4** Flying training in Light Sports Aircraft is not permitted.
- 2.5** Cadets will be required to report to their OC on their training activities at Squadron Nights so that progress can be monitored.
- 2.6** Cadets must remain in the AAL. If cadets leave the AAL after the scholarship is awarded, the unused balance of the scholarship will be reclaimed by AAL from the Flying School.

3.0 Scholarship Rules & Criteria

- 3.1** The following rules and criteria will be used to determine the award recipient;

1. Selection Criteria for Award

- a. Applicants must be 15 years of age or older on 1 Jun 20.
- b. The applicant must be an active member of an SA Group Squadron and attend parade nights and Squadron activities on regular basis.
- c. The applicant must have been a financial member of the AAL for at least six months prior to the date of nomination.
- d. The applicant must have been a participant in regular AAL activities such as flying days, parades, camps, reviews, air shows, etc.
- e. The applicant must be an enthusiastic member of the AAL whose

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enthusiasm is transmitted to all who have contact with him/her.

- f. The applicant must be an active participant in their squadron education program and where possible should have gained passes in subjects relating to flight subjects such as; but not limited to, Gliding and Soaring, Theory of Flight, Meteorology and Navigation.
- g. The applicant must be medically fit, as required by the flying school or organisation such as GFA.

2. Nomination Procedure

- a. Cadet's must submit a written application to their Squadron OC's by 28 Aug 19.
- b. Squadron OC's must nominate their applicants for the award by the 4 Sep 20 to the OC Group.
- c. OC Group will present applications to SA Group Council.
- d. All written applications for the award must address each of the selection criteria as indicated above as well as detailing why the award of the flying scholarship is important to the applicant.
- e. The application should detail the type of flying anticipated (gliding or powered) and the anticipated flying school.
- f. All applications for the award must be accompanied by a written endorsement from the applicant's squadron OC detailing the applicant's general behaviour, enthusiasm and attitude during squadron parade nights and other squadron activities.
- g. Group Council may choose to conduct an interview with one or more cadets as part of the selection process.
- h. Applications submitted in electronic format are acceptable. It is the responsibility of the squadron submitting the application(s) that the details are received clearly by the specified closing date.

3. Selection Process

- a. The Group Council shall consider all applications prior to the nominated announcement date in Sep 20. The consideration shall be on the basis of the application submitted.
- b. The award shall be announced by OC Group.



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