



Soaring 110th Anniversary
1911 - 2021



PGC 80th Anniversary
1941 - 2021



PGC soaring into the future

PGC Membership *application*

PGC is a nonprofit membership-based flight school dedicated to teaching, promoting, and enjoying the art of soaring. We provide the facilities, aircraft, training and personnel to enable our members to participate in the sport of non-motorized flight.

Welcome to Philadelphia Glider Council

PGC is a nonprofit membership-based flight school. Sharing the work has enabled us to own and operate our airport for more than 80-years without paid staff or employees. Our Certified Flight Instructors volunteer their time to instruct, as do our qualified tow pilot members. All other members are committed to at least 3-days a year of field duty. And everyone chips in to help maintain the field, buildings and equipment... that is how PGC has become one of the most successful soaring schools in the country. We are proud of our fleet of modern gliders that prepare student pilots to move into higher-performance machines as they gain aviation experience. We emphasize flight safety and think of ourselves as a family. Welcome to the best soaring experience we know how to create.

Learning to fly at PGC

Flight instruction and use of the aircraft are available at no charge as a benefit of PGC membership. There is a tow fee charged for each flight. PGC's Certified Flight Instructors schedule Saturday and Sunday morning instructional sessions, along with Wednesday evening instruction. Additionally, they are often available at other times when present at the field. No previous flight experience is required. Flight instruction is coupled with reading assignments and ground school sessions, in preparation for you to take the FAA Private Pilot Knowledge Examination. All student pilots are provided with the standard book and training package.





The average student pilot will solo after about 30 – 40 flights in a Grob G-103, however PGC flight instructors determine a student’s readiness to solo on an individual basis. Students who fly most often and on a consistent basis will make better progress than students who fly on an infrequent basis. The average licensed power pilot will solo a glider in 15-25 flights.

After reaching solo flight status, student pilots continue to take routine periodic check-flights with an instructor. When the student has mastered the skills and accumulated enough solo flight time he/she will take a recommendation flight with an instructor. This leads to a check-ride with an FAA Examiner who, upon successful completion, will award the pilot with a Private Pilot Certificate.

Membership fees and the cost of flying at PGC

Fees consist of annual membership dues, a one-time entrance fee, and a refundable bond. Upon joining, a new member pays the first year’s *Membership Dues* and the *Membership Bond*. The *Entrance Fee* is divided into four payments and is billed quarterly over the first year of membership. Members are billed electronically on a monthly basis. Dues and fees are as follows:

Dues / Fee	Adult Member	Academic Student ¹ or Spouse ²	Basis
Membership Dues	\$1090 / year	\$780 / year	Non-Refundable
Membership Bond	\$100 / One-time	\$60 / One-time	Refundable when leaving
Entrance Fee	\$700 / One-time	\$625 / One-time	Non-Refundable - Billed in four installments
YOU PAY THIS AMOUNT UPON JOINING PGC →	\$1190	\$840	Initial Cost
Entrance fee billed during the first year in 4-installments of:	\$175	\$156.25	Entrance Fee - Installments (4)

¹ Members enrolled as full time academic students - Non-voting . ² The husband/wife/significant other of a regular member - Voting membership.

Tow fees: Your cost per flight



Tow Altitude (Ft)	Tow Fee
SRB	\$22
1000	\$35
1500	\$37
2000	\$39
2500	\$41
3000	\$43
3500	\$48

No fee for use of PGC aircraft
No fee for flight instruction

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Philadelphia Glider Council, Inc. Membership *application*

Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Employer: _____

Work Address: _____

Citizenship: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Height: _____

Weight: _____

Are you a member of the SSA? Member #: _____ Expiration: _____

Please list any flying experience, pilot certificate(s), ratings or soaring badges w/ approximate hours:

Have you ever been involved in an aviation accident or incident?: _____

(If so, please attach a detailed description, date, location, aircraft, etc.)

PGC is a volunteer-based flight school as rich as the skills and experience of its members. What kind of volunteer skills could you bring to the organization? (ex: accounting, management, carpentry, gardening...)

I acknowledge that all of the information furnished above is accurate and complete. I understand that PGC Dues and Entrance fees are non-refundable. I understand that PGC is a volunteer-based organization and that all members are required to share in the duties of maintaining the organization, the property, and equipment. I agree to abide by all of the organization's rules and by-laws. Dues, fees and donations to PGC are not tax deductible.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If the applicant is a minor the signature of a parent or guardian is required:

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email completed application to PGCSoaringGoFly@gmail.com

Please do not attach any payments now. Applications must be approved by the Board of Directors. You will receive an acknowledgment upon receipt of the application, and then be contacted after the application has been processed.

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