



## **BAeF Aerobic Scholarships**

The British Aerobatics Foundation (BAeF) has the following objective: to see British pilots amongst the top three rankings at European and World aerobatic competitions from the year 2010.

To enhance the possibility of bringing this aim to fruition, the BAeF will engage in two distinct activities. Firstly, it will seek to give some degree of financial support to those pilots who are members of the British Unlimited Team, and who are already emerging as world-class contenders (i.e. they have achieved a ranking within the top 15 at the previous year's European or World championships).

Secondly, the BAeF selection panel will award scholarships (on an as and when basis) to young pilots (whose minimum age shall be 18 years) who are showing outstanding commitment and skill in their competitive flying thus far, and then help to facilitate intensive and well structured aerobatic training programmes for them under the expert guidance of the UK's top aerobatic instructors, augmented by visiting European and World masters at organised training camps.

### **ADMISSION TO THE BAeF SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME WILL BE BY INVITATION ONLY.**

The intention is, that those who are awarded a scholarship will receive a grant from the **British Aerobatics Foundation's** scholarship fund; financing up to 30 aerobatic training flights for each year of a five-year programme. Typically, each flight will be of 30 minutes duration and valued at £100; which sum (or part thereof, depending on the actual duration of the flight) shall be reimbursed after the event. The aerobatic flying training will be given by top UK aerobatics instructors, as agreed by the BAeF. Successful candidates will be expected to supplement their training by funding additional aerobatic flying hours from their own resources.

**The commencement and continuation of all flying training in any particular year and in each individual case will be dependant upon the initial and ongoing availability of funds. The Trustee's of the fund have the right to suspend or otherwise terminate or vary the scheme or terminate a candidate's scholarship for whatever reason or make substitutions from other candidate sources in their absolute discretion. Nothing in the scholarship scheme should be construed as giving rise to contractual terms between successful candidates and the Trustees of the fund or other, or give rise to any expectation of whatever nature.**

All successful candidates will be required to be a member of the British Aerobatic Association (BAeA). Annual BAeA membership fees will be paid from scholarship funds for the duration of the five-year training programme, but competition entry fees will need to be borne by the scholarship holder.

Successful candidates will have demonstrated above average aircraft handling skills in their flying to date. They must have shown the ability to learn new skills quickly, and to have the self-confidence required to set high standards for themselves. They will also have proven their ability to concentrate on demanding physical tasks while under psychological pressure. They must have the desire to prove themselves in competition, but more as a form of self-discovery than as a means of self-aggrandisement. Invitations to participate in the scheme will be made irrespective of ethnicity, gender or disability; provided that prospective candidates satisfy PPL medical requirements at the time of the award and throughout their sponsored flying.