



# The Michael Wallace Memorial Scholarship Fund

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## THE MICHAEL WALLACE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS TWO GRANTS FOR 2004

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Each year, selecting a recipient to receive The Michael Wallace Scholarship Grant is a difficult task and this year is no different. Every applicant to this Scholarship deserves a grant. This year, because of the generosity of contributors to the fund, the Directors decided to award grants to two fine young students.

### MATTHIAS ROEPER

Matthias Roeper is a 17 year old high school student, living in Menifee, California. He is a German exchange student. It was in Germany where Matthias began his glider flight training, and now, as an exchange student in the U.S., he is training with the Lake Elsinore Soaring Club in Southern California. Matthias earns his flight time and training with the Elsinore Club by working on the flight line and in the office.

Matthias says, "Flying is the best thing in the world, especially if you are alone in a silent glider, the only power that keeps you in the air is nature itself and the only things you are feeling is freedom and joy. I love thermaling and would like to start cross-country flying one day."

Matthias will return to Germany this summer, but he hopes to be able to get his private pilot glider certificate before he leaves. His future plans include participating in glider cross-country competition and becoming a commercial pilot or maybe even an astronaut.

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Anna Dell Apple

### ANNA DELL APPLE

Anna Dell Apple is an outstanding young lady who is a 17 year old high school student, living in Buttonwillow, California.

Anna Dell was inspired to become a pilot when she attended an air show in New Mexico. She says about her experience at that air show, “My father and I stood close to the runway when suddenly a B-2 came in view from over the mountains. I knew at that very moment in my life that I was destined to become a military aviator.”

She began her glider flight training at Hobbs, New Mexico, and soloed there at age 14. Since moving to Buttonwillow, Anna Dell’s opportunities to fly have been limited. However, she has become a member of the Central California Soaring Club, in Avenal, California. There she plans to get her private pilot glider certificate this year.

About flying gliders Anna Dell says, “I’ve learned there is a common thread amongst the really good pilots. That thread is they are glider pilots.”

Anna Dell’s future plans include flying cross-country and trying glider competition; to become a military pilot, and eventually, an astronaut

The Michael Wallace Memorial Scholarship Fund is a non-profit fund that provides an annual grant to a young person, age 14-22 to begin or further his or her flight training in gliders. The fund honors the memory of Michael Wallace, who earned his private glider certificate at age 18.

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