



Our mission?

To grow participation in aviation.

The EAA Young Eagles program was launched in 1992 to give young people ages 8-17 an opportunity to go flying in a general aviation aircraft. After 20 years, and nearly 1.7 million Young Eagles flights, we've learned a lot about sharing the spirit of aviation with young people.

Our goal now is to share the aviation lifestyle with an even wider audience, including adults, many of whom have "always wanted to fly."

That's what EAA Eagle Flights is all about. We're helping adults discover more about flying and eventual pilot certification through a one-to-one, hands-on flight experience. We all know folks who say they want to fly. With Eagle Flights, you now have the resources and organizational support to lead them on a path toward an aviation lifestyle of their own.



Pilot Requirements

The Young Eagles and Eagle Flights pilot requirements are basic, but **MUST** be followed. To fly passengers in either EAA program, you must:

- ✓ Be an EAA member
- ✓ Hold an appropriate Airman's Certificate (sport pilot or greater)
- ✓ Possess a current Medical Certificate (if applicable)
- ✓ Be current to carry passengers in the aircraft you plan to use
- ✓ Have a current biennial flight review
- ✓ **Complete the Young Eagles or Eagle Flights registration form before the flight, signed by you and each of your passengers. A parent or legal guardian signature is required for all Young Eagles flights**
- ✓ Conduct flights in an aircraft that is in airworthy condition
- ✓ Have Aircraft Passenger Liability Insurance for the aircraft used (owned, rented, or borrowed)
- ✓ Adhere to all applicable Federal Aviation Regulations

Insurance Coverage

As a current EAA member pilot participating in the Young Eagles or Eagle Flights program, you personally are eligible for up to \$1 million of excess passenger liability insurance coverage, if you carry a minimum of \$100,000 per passenger liability insurance. This coverage is automatically in place when flying passengers in either program, as long as the official program waiver/hold harmless is used. In addition to these requirements, you must also meet the current Federal Aviation Regulations for the pilot certificate you hold.

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Pilot Guidelines

EAA Young Eagles / Eagle Flights



Guidelines for Conducting Flights

EAA Young Eagles and EAA Eagle Flights are both volunteer-driven, grassroots efforts to grow participation and interest in general aviation. The success of each program is up to us as pilots, EAA members, and chapter leaders. While the two programs share similarities, how we approach the flights as pilots is different.

With Young Eagles, we want to show young people the fun and excitement of flying in hopes of sparking an early interest in aviation. While pilot certification is part of that, our goal is to provide participants with the best flight experience possible.

On the other hand, Eagle Flights is about sharing the aviation lifestyle with adults—people who are statistically most likely to successfully complete training and become pilots. We want to motivate adults to become pilots and help them take the first step toward learning to fly. That may include visiting a flight school together or introducing them to a flight instructor after the flight.

In either case, whether you're flying Young Eagles or Eagle Flights, these guidelines will help you provide your passengers with a thorough, enjoyable flight experience.



After the Flight

Young Eagles

- ✓ **Congratulate your Young Eagle!** Present them with their very own Young Eagles logbook along with an entry for today's flight.
- ✓ Encourage them to visit YoungEagles.org where their name will be entered in "The World's Largest Logbook."
- ✓ Tell them that today's flight was **Step 1** of the EAA Young Eagles Flight Plan. **Step 2** is a free EAA Student Membership, and **Steps 3-5** offer them resources to learn to fly.

Eagle Flights

- ✓ **Congratulate your Eagle!** Ask if they have any questions about their flight.
- ✓ Share your post-flight rituals—replacing maps, straightening the cockpit, and pushing the aircraft into the hangar.
- ✓ Describe the next steps they can take on their journey to become an aviator.
- ✓ Eagles will receive a free, six-month EAA membership after the registration form is submitted. Now is a great opportunity to talk about what EAA membership means to you.
- ✓ **Consider following up with your Eagle Flights participant 1-2 weeks after your flight.** Ask if they have any other questions or if they've considered flight training. Remember, most pilots learned to fly because someone else inspired them. Be their inspiration—help them take the first step!

Before the Flight

- ✓ Provide your name and number for any follow-up questions the participant may have.
- ✓ Discuss what you'll see and do on your flight. This may include reviewing charts and identifying reference points.
- ✓ Stress ramp safety, emphasizing caution around propellers and moving aircraft.
- ✓ Conduct a pre-flight inspection and identify the parts that control the airplane.
- ✓ Describe the aircraft interior and explain the operation of the aircraft door, safety belts, and shoulder harnesses (if installed).
- ✓ Allow time to answer any questions before starting your engine.

During the Flight

- ✓ Maintain a common-sense approach and apply see-and-avoid techniques at all times.
- ✓ Plan your flight to be as pleasant as possible. **VFR weather is required.**
- ✓ Participants may follow along on the controls, but you must remain in command of the aircraft at all times. **No hot loading, aerobatic maneuvers, unusual attitudes, or formation flights are permitted.**
- ✓ You may fly more than one Young Eagle at a time, but Eagle Flights is designed to be a one-to-one experience. However, often at a flight rally, larger numbers of Eagles will make it necessary to fly more than one participant at a time. **For both programs, no more than three participants can be flown at one time.**



Pilot Recognition

Pilots who fly Young Eagles and Eagle Flights earn recognition as their mission count grows. Remember, it's not too soon to begin arrangements for your next flight!

- ✓ **BE SURE TO SEND IN THE REGISTRATION FORM. DON'T DELAY!**

A misplaced or lost registration form will mean the Young Eagle or Eagle will not be officially registered or receive subsequent benefits.