

YOUNG EAGLES

A Program of the EAA Aviation Foundation

MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE YOUNG EAGLES PROGRAM

1. **What are the pilot requirements?** These are listed in the *Guidelines for Pilots*. Simply stated, we ask that all pilots an EAA member, current in aircraft type, carry a current medical and provide their own liability insurance on aircraft they own or a non-owner's liability policy on rented or borrowed aircraft. As an EAA member, you are eligible for an additional policy that provides an additional \$1 million of coverage, provided you carry at least \$100,000 per passenger seat. For more information, please call (920) 426-4822.
2. **Do I have to belong to an EAA Chapter to participate?** No. Any EAA member may participate. We require a current EAA membership, *except* in those cases when an aviation organization applies for authorization for its members to participate. A list of currently authorized organizations is available upon request.
3. **Is the Young Eagles Program only for a young person's FIRST ride?** No. The intent of the Young Eagles demonstration ride is to motivate young people and provide a memorable flying experience. Flights are provided free of charge to any young person who wishes to participate.
4. **Can an EAA member from another country participate in the Young Eagles Program?** Absolutely. There have been Young Eagles flown in more than 70 countries — including Canada, Scotland, Germany, England, Greece, France, Finland, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Spain and Taiwan.
5. **Can I fly in my licensed "Experimental" aircraft?** Yes. All aircraft are eligible provided they are properly licensed and flown in accordance with appropriate FARs (or the country's equivalent) and conform to Young Eagles Program parameters.
6. **Do you have to submit to drug testing to fly Young Eagles?** No. According to FAA, they do not consider the Young Eagles program or pilots to fall under section 135.1 (c). First FAA does not consider these flights to be sightseeing flights. While points of interest may be viewed outside the aircraft, the flights in question are conducted for the purpose of providing an aircraft ride and to introduce people to the flight experience. Second, FAA does not consider these flights to be conducted for compensation of hire.
7. **I'm not a pilot. How can I participate?** Volunteers are needed to assist in finding young people, assisting with ground transportation or coordinating pre- and post-flight activities. Volunteers are also needed to serve as Chapter Coordinators or as Young Eagle Field Representatives. Field Representatives serve as liaisons between the Young Eagles Office and local Flight Leaders. There are many opportunities to help young people experience sport aviation. There are many Young Eagle Flight Rallies scheduled around the world and your assistance is welcome.

8. **Can I deduct expenses incurred while flying Young Eagles?** Yes. The IRS has ruled that volunteer Young Eagle Pilots can *deduct direct, out-of-pocket expenses incurred in direct connection with and solely attributed to the Program*. If these conditions are met, volunteers can deduct direct out-of-pocket expenses such as (1) fuel and oil directly consumed by the aircraft in the demonstration flight, not to exceed 200 miles; (2) fuel and oil to another airport within 50 miles to meet a young person; (3) transportation, not to exceed 30 miles one way, to and from the airport; (4) the rental charge for a bus or van to bring a group of young people to the airport; (5) the rental expense of an airplane used only for the Program; (6) postage for mailing registration records to the Young Eagles Office; (7) extra liability insurance purchased solely for flights for the program; (8) landing and tiedown fees at a non-home-based airport; (9) aeronautical education materials; (10) meals for the young person (*but not the volunteer*); and (11) film and development of pictures for the young person. Indirect expenses, such as hangar fees and annuals, are not considered deductible. Please maintain reliable records (receipts or a contemporaneous diary) of the out-of-pocket expenses. For the purposes of computing the expense of transporting the volunteer and/or young person to and from the airport in a passenger automobile, a standard mileage rate can be used instead of operating expenses.
9. **I've heard about Young Eagles Flight Rallies. What are they?** A Flight Rally is a group flying session. These events usually involve an organization (an EAA Chapter or flying club) that wishes to fly a number of young people. Additional "hands-on" activities are common at these events. Volunteers are always needed to assist at a Flight Rally.
10. **What is a Young Eagles pilot ID number and how can I use it?** Pilot ID numbers are assigned to each pilot after they register their *first* Young Eagle. A Pilot ID can save time when filling out registration forms. The form is considered complete if the Pilot ID number, date of flight and type of aircraft are indicated on the Pilot Information section of the registration form. *It is not necessary to obtain a Pilot ID number before flying your first Eagle Flight*. A letter from the Young Eagles Office will be sent directly to you after your first Young Eagles flight indicating your pilot ID number.
11. **What if the child does not meet the age criteria?** The Young Eagles Program guidelines state that children should be between the ages of 8 and 18. Those 18 or older are considered adults and, as such, are not eligible for the Program. Those younger than age 8 will be enrolled, but pilots should give consideration to the maturity level and physical size of younger children. Children younger than age 5 will not be enrolled without extenuating circumstances. Remember that the Young Eagles Program should be more than just a ride. It is hoped that it will be a memorable and meaningful experience.
12. **Who can I contact for suggestions or support?** The Young Eagles Office can provide you with a list of Young Eagles Leaders in your area. Call (920) 426-4831 and request the name of the Chapter Coordinator or Field Representative near you.