



## Pilot Requirements

The Young Eagles pilot requirements are basic, but **MUST** be followed.

- > Be a current EAA member and 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 flight review
- > Complete the Young Eagles registration form before the flight, including parent or legal guardian signature, and pilot signature
- > 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 Air Rules (FARs)

### Insurance Coverage

As an EAA member participating in the Young Eagles program, you are eligible for an additional \$1 million of passenger liability insurance coverage, if you carry a minimum of \$100,000 per seat liability insurance. This coverage is automatically in place when flying Young Eagles; there are no additional forms to complete. In addition to these requirements, you must also meet the current Federal Air Rules (FARs) for the pilot certificate you hold.

### Join EAA

Other Young Eagles volunteers (ground support, for example) are not required to be EAA members, but are encouraged to join. For more information, visit [EAA.org/join](http://EAA.org/join) or call **1-800-JOIN-EAA**.

## Our mission? To **grow** participation in aviation.

Since 1992, more than **1.8 million young people** ages 8 to 17 have discovered the incredible world of flight through the EAA Young Eagles program. Today, more than 20,000 pilots under age 40 can trace their aviation start to their Young Eagles flight experience.

For most children and their parents, the Young Eagles program may be their first exposure to a general aviation airplane and pilot. It may be the first time they have ever been to an airport. With that in mind, please take time to act as an ambassador for general aviation and EAA.

A **special message** from Sean D. Tucker  
Air show performer and national Young  
Eagles chairman

*"It's humbling to be chosen by the EAA membership as its spokesman and leader. But the real heroes of the Young Eagles program are you—the volunteer pilots, ground crews, and EAA chapters that have allowed the program to fly more than 1.8 million kids."*



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 EAA Young Eagles®

Inspiring the **next generation** of aviators

 Young Eagles

# Guidelines for Conducting a Young Eagles Flight



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Before the Flight

- > Complete the Young Eagles registration form, signed by you and each of your passengers  
*\*A parent and/or legal guardian signature is required for all Young Eagles flights.*
- > Discuss what you will see and do on your flight, including reviewing charts and identifying reference points.
- > Stress ramp safety, emphasizing caution around propellers and moving aircraft. No hot loading.
- > 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 questions they may have before you start your engine.

### During the Flight

- > Maintain a common-sense approach to the flight, applying 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 aerobatic maneuvers, unusual altitudes, or formation flights are permitted.
- > Young Eagle must use a seatbelt at all times, no changing of seats while airborne.
- > **No more than three Young Eagles can be flown at one time.**

### After the Flight

- > **Congratulate your new Young Eagle!** Reward them with their very own Young Eagles logbook, along with an entry for today's flight.
- > Encourage the young person to activate their **FREE EAA Student Membership** by visiting **YoungEagles.org/join** and entering the unique code located on the back of their logbook.
- > Tell your Young Eagle about the valuable flight training and scholarship opportunities available to them as an EAA Student Member, starting with the Sporty's Learn to Fly Course - a \$199 value - at no cost.



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

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

#### **What if the child does not meet the age criteria?**

Participants should be between the ages of 8 and 17 (up to the child's 18th birthday). We encourage you to follow these guidelines. Those over the age of 18 may be interested in the EAA Eagle Flights program. Eagle Flights are one-on-one flights for adults who are interested in learning to fly and may not be combined with a Young Eagles flight. Please visit **EagleFlights.org** for more information.

#### **Can Young Eagles fly more than once?**

Yes. Research has shown that Young Eagles who participate in more than one flight are more likely to pursue a pilot certificate or get involved in aviation. The Young Eagles registration form should be completed for every Young Eagles flight.

#### **Do I have to belong to an EAA chapter to participate?**

No. Any current EAA member may fly Young Eagles, provided they meet the pilot requirements.

#### **Can I fly 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 the Young Eagles program guidelines.

#### **Are there any restrictions on flight activities?**

All Young Eagles flights must be conducted in VFR weather. No unusual attitudes, formation flights or aerobatics are permitted. All aircraft must shut down between flights (no hot loading). Young Eagles flights must take off and land at the same airport.

For general questions about Young Eagles, please call the EAA Young Eagles Office at **877-806-8902**, or email **yeagles@eaa.org**. To order additional materials, visit **YoungEagles.org/volunteers**.