



EAA CHAPTER 690 YOUTH AVIATION PROGRAM

EAA Chapter 690 has an outstanding youth aviation program. This program is designed to impart knowledge in aviation related subjects to young people who have an interest in aviation. There are several facets to the program. Under experienced adult guidance students will be taught the skills of building, restoring and maintaining aircraft along with being provided the opportunity to actually work on aircraft. In addition, those interested will have the opportunity to learn how to pilot an airplane through a flying club. This program is very structured and the students must have a strong commitment to learn. Students who elect to learn to fly will be taught all of the skills needed for their pilot's certificate. Students earn their flying time by working in the program. This affords the individual with a method of learning to fly with minimal expense.

DETAILS OF THE PROGRAM

- **Minimum age requirement is 14 years of age.**
- **At the outset the purpose of the program has been to assist youth in attaining a Private Pilot Certification We realize that not everyone entering the program may have that as a goal. We are not currently funded sufficiently to be in a position to financially assist those not seeking to become pilots. We do hope to reach that point. Those who join the program and decide they do not wish to become a pilot, but wish to pursue other aviation pathways are encouraged to seek out the many scholarship opportunities available through the EAA, AOPA and other aviation organizations as well as Chapter 690.**
- **Any program member wishing to pursue flight training by using their credits will be required to obtain a third-class medical certificate and present a copy of the certificate to the program leaders prior to any flight training commencing.**
- **Accepted candidates will be expected to do one or all of the following: participate in the EAA Young Eagle Program by assisting with the ground crew, volunteer for shifts when the chapter has a visiting airplane on hand for rides, volunteer to help at chapter special events, such as special dinners, etc. as an important part of the program. In other words, become a part of the EAA 690 family.**
- **The individual needs to understand that a strong commitment is required to be a part of the program. We will only accept students who are committed to the program.**
- **Upon acceptance into the program there will be a 90-day probation period.**
- **Students must be sure that their formal education takes priority over this program. It is the parent's responsibility to control whether or not their youth should be attending the sessions based on their grades.**
- **The student's family must be members of the chapter. A membership application will be provided upon acceptance to the program. Family memberships are \$40 per year and new memberships are pro-rated through the end of September. Those joining in October,**

November or December will be paid up through the end of the following year. We also encourage each individual or family to become a member of the national organization. To become a national EAA member you should go to <http://www.eaa.org>.

- To remain an active participant in the program a youth must attend a minimum of two sessions out of five, three sessions is preferred. A minimum of six sessions per calendar quarter is required to remain an active participant. Those youth not meeting the minimum will be placed on inactive status and only allowed back in should an open slot become available. Once placed on inactive status or dismissed from the program all hours you attained to that point will be erased from your record. Active participation is an important part of the program, the chapter is willing to make an investment in your future and we expect you to uphold your part. If you expect to be absent for an extended period, you must communicate this to one of the mentors in writing. If you do not, we will assume you have dropped out and will drop you from the program.
- The current limit is 24 active participants in the program overall. The number that can attend any given session will be set by the number of mentors available for that session with the maximum being 3 youth per mentor. When the session is scheduled, we will advertise the number of slots available for that session.
- We currently use an RSVP system through Sign-up Genius. All youth are expected to RSVP for each and every session they wish to attend. If you do not RSVP you will not be allowed to attend a session you show up for. RSVP means replying in the affirmative or the negative. Do not assume that if you show up you will be allowed to participate if you did not RSVP. It is also important to attend if you have RSVPed for a session. If you find that you will not be able to attend, you must notify us of that change. Failure to show for a session will result in not being credited with hours for the next two sessions you do attend. Notification of absence should be sent to mentor@eaa690.org or posted on Slack.
- The work will be scheduled for 2nd, 3rd & 4th Saturdays from 0900 – 1300. Additional sessions may be scheduled as mentors are available. Youth will be required to watch the schedule for additional sessions being advertised.
- Use of electronic devices except when requested by a mentor is discouraged. You are participating in a program to learn about Aviation, that cannot happen if you are using your electronic device. At a mentor's discretion you may be asked to leave the session.
- All students are expected to log their work time in a logbook provided by the chapter. Logging your activity is a personal experience and log entries must be clear and concise, stating exactly what you did and on what project and for how long. Log books will be reviewed periodically by a mentor
- Those students who elect to fly will earn flying time with the AeroVenture Flying Club (<http://www.flylzu.com>) through hours worked during build sessions. For every 10 hours of work logged \$75 of credit will be awarded toward the flying club. If a youth chooses to fly in a plane costing more than \$75 per hour, the student will be required to pay the difference in the hourly rate. For instance, if you choose to fly in a plane with a rental rate of \$100 per hour, you will be responsible for the additional \$25 per hour for the rental period and will be billed accordingly.

- **Students should expect to pay the flight instructor once they have soloed. The instructor rate will be set by the flying club. This is at the discretion of the instructor.**
- **A photo release and tool permission form will be signed by parents.**
- **A Student Pledge form will be signed by the youth and parent(s).**
- **Please go to <http://eaa690.org> for our website.**

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