

Aviation Explorers Post 2009

Description of Post and Frequently Asked Questions

What is Aviation Explorers Post 2009?

Aviation Explorers Post 2009 is an Exploring Post under Learning for Life, which is an affiliate of the Boy Scouts of America. It is a co-ed post designed to introduce youth between the ages of 14 – 20 years old to different careers in the aviation industry. This is accomplished through a variety of hands-on activities, events, tours, and lectures throughout the year. Each activity is aviation-related: whether it's a tour of a maintenance hangar, a visit by an airport executive, or lessons in an aircraft simulator.

Post 2009 is hosted by The Ohio State University Airport.

Who can join?

Any youth between the ages of 14 – 20 are welcome to join the post. No aviation experience is necessary!

When can I join?

Although we prefer that you join at the beginning of the year at our Open House, you are welcome to join the post at any time throughout the year. The Exploring season kicks off around September and concludes in June.

Is there a fee?

Yes. The OSU Airport does not collect any fees from participants, but Learning for Life does assess a \$35 fee per participant for the year. If this fee is a problem, there is assistance available. Please contact the local Learning for Life office at 614-436-7200 for more information.

When do you meet?

Our post typically meets the second Wednesday of the month from 6:30PM – 8:30PM. The location varies, although most meetings are located at or close to the OSU Airport. Some months may have more meetings if the post is having any special events.

Is transportation provided?

No. Participants must provide their own transportation to and from meetings. This includes off-site meetings as well.

I can't make it to a meeting. What do I do?

Make-up sessions are available. Please read the make-up policies before scheduling a make-up session with your post advisor. Policies are posted on the Aviation Explorers Post 2009 website at: <http://osuairport.org/Education/Explorer/>.

Does this count for private pilot ground school or instruction? Can I log the time?

No. Although some lessons are given by certificated flight instructors, our post's goal is not to provide private pilot instruction. Our focus is much broader than just the flying side of the aviation industry, although we will cover topics concerning piloting.

What can I get out of joining this post?

Participants will leave the post with an inside look at the aviation industry and key players in the Columbus area. Participants will have experienced some of the many facets of the industry and established networking contacts for the future.

There are also awards and scholarship opportunities through the post for qualified candidates.

What is the Career Achievement Award? How do I earn it?

The Career Achievement Award is administered by Learning for Life. Please see the Career Achievement Award document for requirements and more information.

What about the Congressional Award?

The Congressional Award is given to those Explorer members who complete a special project with an industry mentor, typically over the summer. Potential candidates must have completed at least one year of Aviation Explorers. For more information, please contact your post advisor.

Are there any scholarships available?

Yes. Two scholarships are available: one administered by the OSU Airport for college-bound aviation majors, and another scholarship administered by Learning for Life for flight training. For more information about these scholarships, please read their individual postings on the Aviation Explorers Post 2009 website.

Where can I print off scholarship applications or other documents?

All documents are posted to the Aviation Explorers Post 2009 website at:
<http://osuairport.org/Education/Explorer/>.

My question isn't here!

Contact your post advisor for more information. Contact information is listed on the Aviation Explorers Post 2009 website.