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Important changes to the Young Eagle credits program for 2010

What's new in 2010?

1. Young Eagles credits remain at \$5 each.
2. Expanded ways to use Young Eagles credits.
3. Changes to how credits are issued and redeemed

Expansion of funding

Great news! Thanks to the continuing success of the "Gathering of Eagles" fundraiser at AirVenture, Young Eagles credits are again valued at \$5.

Approved uses of Young Eagles credits

Increased program funding also allows us to expand the approved uses of Young Eagles credits, to include the following:

- EAA Air Academy Scholarships
As in past years, we strongly encourage Chapters to pool their credits to help send young people for the "aviation experience of a lifetime" at the EAA Air Academy summer camp in Oshkosh. There are two changes that will assist these efforts:
 - Young Eagles credits can now cover up to 100% of Air Academy tuition.
 - Young Eagles credits can also be used to support the transportation cost of sending children to the Air Academy.
- Support of local Young Eagles activities
EAA Chapters may also apply for cash reimbursement of costs directly associated with the promotion, enhancement and execution of their local Young Eagles activities.
 - Examples include:
 - Provision of hands-on activities at a Young Eagles rally (supplies for wing rib building, flight simulators, etc);
 - Promotion of a Young Eagles rally (banners, posters, promotional materials, hand-outs, etc).
 - Operational and safety items (banner rope, cones, vests, printer for printing certificates and/or photos of Young Eagles).

Credits cannot be used for the compensation of individuals, for the provision or subsidy of fuel and oil, for construction projects, for flight instruction, or for any other activities that are not directly associated with the promotion, enhancement or execution of a local Young Eagles activity. If you have a question about a potential expense, please consult the Young Eagles office for guidance.

- Return the credits to EAA

If you wish, you may turn the credits back to EAA who will use them to enhance the general Air Academy scholarship fund - - facilitating the attendance of a young person at Air Academy.

How credits are issued and redeemed

- **Qualification**
There is no change to the qualification for credits. Pilots who fly and register 10 or more Young Eagles in the prior calendar year are awarded one credit for each flight. For example, if a pilot flew and registered 10 Young Eagles during 2009, they would receive 10 credits to spend in 2010; if they flew 58 Young Eagles they would receive 58 credits, etc.
- **EAA Chapters**
EAA will issue a single voucher containing the total credits earned by that Chapter's pilots during 2009. This credit will be kept "on account" at EAA headquarters. To redeem these credits, the attached form should be used.
- **Pilots not associated with a Chapter**
Pilots not associated with an EAA Chapter will be issued a credit letter as in past years. Individual pilots can use the credits to help send a child to the Air Academy, or return the credits to EAA. Please note that individual pilots cannot participate directly in the cash reimbursement program. However, individual pilots may gift their credits to an EAA Chapter, to assist that Chapter's activities.
- **Expiration of credits**
Please note all credits expire on 12/31/2010. Expenses must be incurred before 12/31/2010 to be eligible for reimbursement. Reimbursement forms must be returned to the Young Eagles office no later than 1/15/2011. Unused credits will be returned to the fund for use in future years.
- **Future years**
Increased funding and expanded programming is the result of exceptionally successful fundraising efforts. We hope this will be something that could occur every year. However, especially in tough economic times we may need to face the reality that in future years, we may not have this funding.

We sincerely thank the many individuals and companies who stepped forward to donate the funds that are helping to expand the Young Eagles credit program. In so doing, they have helped EAA Chapters and members foster and promote aviation among young people.

EAA YOUNG EAGLES CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT FORM

- If you want your Credits to cover tuition at the EAA Air Academy, please contact Mary McKeown at 920-426-6880 mmckeown@eaa.org to make direct arrangements with the Academy staff. For financial reimbursement of Air Academy transportation costs, please complete the form below.
- If you have questions about whether other expenses qualify for the reimbursement program, please refer to the Credit FAQ sheet or contact the Young Eagles office at 877-806-8902.
- To claim reimbursement, please complete the form below, include the original receipts and mail to:

EAA Young Eagles Credits
P. O. Box 2683
Oshkosh, WI 54903-2683

- Checks will be mailed to your Chapter Treasurer. Please allow 3 – 5 weeks for processing.
- All credits earned in 2009 expire on December 31, 2010. All requests for reimbursement must be received no later than January 15, 2011.

EAA Chapter: _____

Chapter Treasurer: _____

Treasurer's Address: _____

Reimbursement requested: \$ _____

Describe how the money was used, and how it benefited young people. Please be as specific as possible - for example, tell us how many people participated. Use additional pages if needed, and supporting materials (photos, articles, etc) are always welcome.

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