

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EAA YOUNG EAGLES PROGRAM**

**What if the child does not meet the age criteria?** The program guidelines state that children should be between the ages of eight and 17 (up to the child's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday). We encourage you to keep to the guidelines. The minimum age was set at eight for several reasons. First, the child is mature enough to be able to function alone – without mom or dad. Second, they are most likely physically large enough to see out of the windows on an airplane and, lastly, they should be able to grasp the basic concepts of flying.

Those over the age of 18 are adults and, as adults, are not eligible for the Young Eagles program. Registrations from children who are outside the age guidelines will be returned to the pilot for clarification.

**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. In many cases, however, it is the child's first flight experience.

**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.

**I've heard about Young Eagles Flight Rallies. What are they?** A Flight Rally is a group flying session to accommodate groups of young people. These events must be organized by EAA Chapters or local Field Representatives. Additional "hands-on" activities are common at these events. Volunteers are always needed to assist at a Flight Rally. Individual pilots or groups of pilots wishing to hold a flight rally should contact their local EAA Chapter or Field Representative to assist in the organization and execution of such an event.

**Can I fly more than one Young Eagle at a time?** Yes, you may, although many pilots prefer a one-on-one experience. Often at a flight rally, larger numbers of children will make it necessary to fly more than one child at a time. Please be sensitive to all your passengers and involve them in the experience. However, no more than three Young Eagles can be flown at a time.

**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 Eagle Flight. 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 registered Young Eagles flight indicating your pilot ID number.

**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 the Young Eagles Program guidelines.

**Are there any restrictions on flight activities?** To provide the conditions for the best possible experience for first-time flyers, 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).

**I'm not a pilot. How can I participate?** Volunteers are needed to assist in finding young people, flightline safety, registration and coordinating pre- and post-flight activities. Volunteers are also needed to serve as local EAA Chapter Coordinators. There are many opportunities to help young people experience aviation. Many Young Eagle events are scheduled around the world each week and your assistance is always welcome.

**Who can I contact for suggestions or support?** For general questions about Young Eagles, please contact the EAA Young Eagles office. Phone: 877-806-8902. E-Mail: [Yeagles@eaa.org](mailto:Yeagles@eaa.org). FAX: 920-426-6865. Additional background information and activity suggestions are available on the Young Eagles web site, [www.yougeagles.org](http://www.yougeagles.org)