

EAA Young Eagle Pilot Credits Most Asked Questions

What are EAA Young Eagle Credits? Credits are issued to EAA Young Eagle pilots on an annual basis, as recognition of support for the program and to offer the EAA Air Academy experience to more young people.

Why did I get them? Each year, we encourage Young Eagle pilots to fly and register at least 10 Young Eagles during the calendar year. Once you reach this annual level of participation, you begin earning Young Eagle credits, one for Each Young Eagle flown and registered during that calendar year. For example, a pilot registering 20 Young Eagles between Jan. 1, 2007 and Dec. 31, 2007 would receive 20 credits.

Where can I use the credits? The credit program was established to help pilots send Young Eagles to one of the EAA Air Academy sessions held each summer in Oshkosh. Credits carry a value of \$1 each and are used to help reduce the cost of sending a young person to an Air Academy session. For example, 100 credits would reduce the cost of a session by \$100. Credits may be used for up to one-half of the entire cost of an Air Academy session. Many EAA Chapters or groups of individual members “pool” their credits to increase the level of support available.

I don't know a young person who wants to go to the Air Academy, what should I do with my credits? Don't let them go to waste! You have two options. First, you can return them to the Young Eagles office to be used in a general scholarship fund that assists children with a financial need to attend the Academy. Simply sign the credits and drop them in the mail. Second, you can contact other area EAA Chapters or members and offer your credits to help with a Young Eagle they are sending to the Academy.

When will my credits arrive? The credit letters were mailed in late February. If you belong to a Chapter, your credits will be sent directly to your Chapter Coordinator. If you do not belong to a Chapter, your credits will be sent directly to you. Remember, the credits cannot be duplicated and should be treated like money.

Do credits expire? Yes, credits earned in one year can be applied to the next summer's Air Academy sessions. After August 31, the credits expire. For example, credits earned in 2007 can be applied to tuition for a 2008 Air Academy session.

Can the credit certificates be replaced? No, they should be treated like money. In order to maintain the integrity of the credit program, we cannot reproduce the credit certificates.