

VISION STATEMENT

"To provide positive and meaningful real-world career experiences and leadership development opportunities for all teenagers and young adults in their chosen field of interest."

SCHOLARSHIPS

- National Aviation Exploring Scholarships
- Spartan School of Aeronautics Scholarships
- Sporty's Pilot Shop Scholarships

Learn more at exploring.learningforlife.org/services/resources/scholarships.



Exploring's 5 Areas of Emphasis

1	Career Opportunities	REAL-WORLD CAREER SKILLS
2	Leadership Experience	LEADERSHIP SKILLS EMPLOYERS CRAVE
3	Life Skills	CONFLICT-RESOLUTION, PROBLEM-SOLVING, RELATIONSHIP SKILLS
4	Citizenship	LEARN DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AND RESPECT FOR OTHERS
5	Character Education	ETHICAL DECISION MAKING



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What is Exploring?

Exploring is Learning for Life's career education program for young men and women who are at least 14 (and have completed 8th grade) and not yet 21 years old. Adults are selected by the participating organization for involvement in the program. Color, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic background, economic status and citizenship are not criteria for participation.

Exploring is all about helping young adults make a more informed decision about future careers and determine if a particular career is the right one for them. Typically, a young adult will either:

- 1) get involved, learn about a career, and decide to pursue it;
- OR 2) learn enough about the career to determine it's not the right fit for them. It's better to learn as a young adult that a career is not for you, than after spending lots of money on an education only to THEN discover you don't like the career!

Exploring leaders volunteer their time to provide real-world career experiences for young adults. Exploring is not about lectures and slide shows – it's about gaining practical experience in a career field. The result is a program of activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, and develop.

AVIATION

Aviation Exploring is a hands-on program that exposes young people to flying. It offers aviation experiences, as a possible career or for the sheer pleasure of being around airplanes.

Popular Exploring careers include:

- Pilots
- Aircraft Mechanics
- Flight Engineers
- Avionics Technicians
- Air Traffic Controllers
- Flight Attendants

Career Exploring combines some classroom training with flying lessons. Explorers get to experience firsthand what it's like to be a pilot, aircraft mechanic, flight engineer, or air traffic controller.

Explorers will:

- Develop flying skills
- Learn aviation protocols and leadership methods
- Understand the importance of teamwork in a professional setting
- Participate in hands-on projects to give them a real feel for whether this career is the right one for them
- Network with professionals who work in these careers daily – who use the latest technology, are aware of emerging trends and know what it takes to get into college for their specific career
- Learn about the educational requirements for a career in Aviation and receive tangible advice on steps they can take now to prepare and position for a successful career in the field of Aviation



Learn More. Experience More. Participate in Exploring.
View the career webpage for more information.



Everyone Wins With Exploring!

Exploring will be one of the best opportunities you offer your company, your employees, and the youth of your community.

COMPANY BENEFITS

- Cultivate future employees
- Impact on the education process of youth
- Prepare young adults for transition from school to work
- Develop future responsible and caring adults
- Improve staff teamwork working on common goals outside of normal work
- Visible commitment to the welfare of the community

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

- Increased realization that we are ALL responsible for molding today's youth and tomorrow's leaders
- Greater job awareness
- Opportunity for greater community involvement
- Enhanced communication, planning, and program development skills
- Increased initiative of employees

YOUTH BENEFITS

- Practical, real-world career experiences and insight
- Stimulated interest in continual education
- Building of leadership, self-confidence, and problem-solving skills
- Cooperative relationship between adults and youth
- Community service to others

Testimonials

"You can actually see young people grow, becoming members of the aviation community as their curiosity is satisfied through Exploring. We attract sharp young people during their formative years."

— Hal Shevers, Founder/Chairman,
Sporty's Pilot Shop

"Aviation Exploring develops leadership skills and community involvement in young people while introducing them to their own life-long adventure of flight. Help the aviation leaders of tomorrow to fly by sponsoring an Aviation Explorer Post today."

— Jeff Skiles, Pilot, *Miracle on the Hudson*
and EAA Young Eagles Co-Chairman

"Aviation Exploring provides an outstanding opportunity for young women and men to experience the diverse career opportunities in aviation – everything from maintenance technicians and air traffic controllers to airline pilots."

— Dr. Peggy Baty Chabrian, President,
Women in Aviation, International

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