



STRENGTHENING YOUTH THROUGH **EXPLORING**™

AVIATION

WHAT IS EXPLORING™

Exploring is all about helping young men and women in sixth grade through 20 years old to 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 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, and so much more.

EXPLORERS WILL:

- Participate in hands-on projects
- Develop flying skills
- Learn aviation protocols and leadership methods
- Understand the importance of teamwork in a professional setting
- Network with professionals who work in these careers daily
- Learn about the educational requirements for a career in aviation

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 and recruit future employees
- Reduce employee turnover and training expenses
- Impact the education process of youth
- Demonstrate visible commitment to the welfare of the community

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

- Be an integral part of shaping a young man's or woman's future
- Increased opportunity for advancement within the company

YOUTH BENEFITS

- Practical, real-world career experiences
- Develop character and leadership skills
- Make new friends
- Obtain experiences that can be listed on college, job, and scholarship applications

SCHOOL BENEFITS

- Meet state or federal career education standards
- Partner with local businesses
- Extend the classroom beyond the school day
- Gain access to a free career interest survey

TESTIMONIALS

Aviation Exploring develops leadership skills and community involvement in young people while introducing them to their own lifelong 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

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 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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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

LIFE SKILLS

CITIZENSHIP

CHARACTER EDUCATION

OUR VISION Shape the workforce of tomorrow by engaging and mentoring today's youth in career and life-enhancing opportunities.





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SCHOLARSHIPS

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EXPLORINGTM
DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE



POPULAR AVIATION CAREERS INCLUDE:

- Pilots
- Aircraft mechanics
- Flight engineers
- Avionics technicians
- Air traffic controllers
- Flight attendants
- Aerospace engineers
- Airport management and operations

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