

Coffey County Flight Training Scholarship Program
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Welcome to Coffey County Airport! If you are interested in learning to fly, you most likely have many questions about training, the equipment, and the procedures you will need to learn. We hope this list will help answer most of your questions. If you have more questions, our flight instructor will be glad to answer them for you.

Common Questions about Learning to Fly

Q. How much does it cost to learn to fly?

A. The minimum amount of flying to get a private license is set by federal regulations. The average student must have 60 hours of flying time with 30 of those hours being with an instructor. The airplane we use for instruction is a Cherokee 140. It rents for \$60.00 an hour, you only pay for the time the engine is running. Our instructor charges \$40.00 an hour for his time; you will also need to buy books; pay to take the written test at a Sylvan Learning Center; take a very easy medical exam; and pay the examiner when you take your check-ride. The approximate totals would be:

\$3,600.00	60 hours in airplane
\$1,200.00	30 hours with instructor
\$ 150.00	books and supplies
\$ 350.00	check-ride fee
\$ 150.00	written test fee
<u>\$ 100.00</u>	medical exam
\$5,550.00	

Student pays 20% = \$1,110.00; Airport pays 20% = \$1,110.00

Coffey County pays 60% = \$3,330.00

Q. How long does it take to get my license?

A. It takes 3 to 12 months to get a private pilot license, 6 to 8 months average. **You will incur additional expenses to receive your license if the program requirements have not been satisfied before the scholarship expires on August 31, 2023.**

Q. How old do I have to be to learn to fly?

A. You must be 16 to solo and 17 to get your license.

Q. What kind of planes will I fly?

A. Our primary trainer is a Cherokee 140, this aircraft is a proven design in which many people have learned to fly. It has 110 horsepower, carries 2 people, and will travel at about 115 mph.

Q. What can I do with my private pilot license?

A. You can fly for fun, travel, take business trips, travel to airport restaurants, join flying clubs, enter flying contests, or continue your training for a wide range of flying jobs.

Q. How often can I fly?

A. You can fly as often as you like depending upon aircraft scheduling, instructor availability, and your financial situation, 2 or 3 times a week would be typical.

Q. When do I get to touch the controls?

A. On your first flight.

Q. How long will it take before I can fly by myself?

A. Most people take anywhere from 10 to 20 hours to 'solo'.

Q. How long will a lesson be?

A. You will usually fly for a little over an hour. An additional 30 minutes or so will be spent preparing for and discussing the flight with your instructor.

Q. Where will we fly?

A. Most of your training will be in the general vicinity of the airport. You will also be required to take cross-country flights that will take you as far as 300 miles away.

Q. When is the best time to fly?

A. Initially you will want to fly when the air is smoothest. This will normally be in the early morning or early evening. As your proficiency and confidence increases you will be comfortable flying anytime.

Q. Can my friends come with me?

A. You cannot fly passengers until you get your private license. If your instructor is with you then your friends can come along (obviously the airplane will need more than 2 seats).

Q. How safe is it to fly small airplanes?

A. As safe as the pilot and the equipment. Most accidents are the result of poor judgment. 60% of accidents are caused by the pilot getting into bad weather. Low flying (buzzing) causes many more. A pilot who uses good judgment will most likely fly for many years and never have an accident.

Q. What if the engine quits?

A. A small plane glides quite well; the pilot will merely glide to a field, road or airport and land.

Q. How do I know the planes I fly are safe?

A. Every factory-built plane is issued an airworthiness certificate from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This means the aircraft meets specific construction standards. Additionally, these planes must undergo an annual inspection to determine that the aircraft is still safe. Aircraft used for commercial purposes, this includes flight instruction, must also be inspected every 100 hours of operation time. As a pilot, you will be taught to inspect the aircraft carefully before each flight to determine that it is in a safe condition.

Q. Will I get airsick?

A. If you do not get carsick, you probably will not get airsick. Most airsickness is caused by tension and as you become more comfortable with the airplane and the new sensations you will be feeling, the chances of getting airsick will lessen. This is another good reason to take your first lessons during the smoothest times of the day. If you feel queasy during a lengthy lesson, perhaps taking more lessons but shortening the duration of each one will help.

Q. Will I fly if it's cloudy or rainy?

A. You can fly on cloudy days if the clouds are not too low. It is also possible to fly in light rain. If you have doubts about the weather, always call your instructor to see if you can still fly.

Q. What if I have poor eyesight or physical disabilities?

A. You can wear glasses or contacts and still get your license. A private pilot only needs their vision corrected to 20/30. A commercial pilot must have their vision corrected to 20/20. Many people with physical disabilities can still learn to fly. Generally, they own their own plane and have it specially equipped to meet their needs. All the person needs to do is demonstrate to the FAA that they can operate the aircraft safely. The main medical problems that disqualify people from becoming pilots are heart conditions, diabetes, epilepsy, or uncontrolled high blood pressure. All private pilots must pass physical exam every 2 years. Your medical examiner can discuss with you the various options for getting a waiver for medical conditions you may have.