

# Information for Parents at LU: Frequently Asked Questions

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## **How and when does my son/daughter apply?**

They must fill out a completed Liberty University application, and upon acceptance they may apply to the Aviation Department. For more information about applying for admission to Liberty University, please call 1-800-543-5317.

## **What are the qualifications to be admitted into the program?**

To qualify for admission into the Aviation Program, each individual must have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.5 and be accepted by Liberty University. The average student in our program has a 3.0 G.P.A. In addition, they must also be able to pass the FAA 2<sup>nd</sup> class medical and have eyesight that is correctable to 20/20. For information about FAA medicals please go to [www.flightphysicals.com](http://www.flightphysicals.com) or [www.cami.jccbi.gov/aam-300/amcdfaq.html](http://www.cami.jccbi.gov/aam-300/amcdfaq.html). These websites also include a list of FAA medical doctors in your area. We will need a readable copy of their birth certificate and government photo ID or current passport upon acceptance into the program. Instructions to submit this information are found through the SOA online checklist.

## **How many students are in the flight program?**

Currently, we have approximately 300 students enrolled.

## **If my child is interested in participating in NCAA sports as well as Aviation, is that possible?**

We have many students that are involved in both aviation and sports. The best way to reach the coach will be to visit our athletic website at [www.liberty.edu](http://www.liberty.edu). Collegiate sports are very demanding so we will need to carefully schedule your classes and flight blocks.

## **Do they need to have a car as an aviation student?**

Our flight training facility, Lynchburg Regional Airport, is approximately 2 miles from the campus so it is highly recommended that aviation students have their own transportation. If it is impossible for the student to have a car, you should be aware of the following:

- 1) Unless students have their own vehicle, transportation is not guaranteed.
- 2) It is up to the student who needs transportation to request the help.
- 3) Flight blocks are mandatory classes- absences and tardiness will not be accepted.

## **Are scholarships available?**

No aviation related scholarships are available through Liberty University School of Aeronautics, but many scholarships are given by the Liberty University Admissions Department.

## **Should we visit the campus?**

I highly recommend that you come visit us at any time. The university sponsors College for a Weekend events that students can participate in or you can simply call us to arrange a visit. We

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encourage them to attend an aviation class or two during the visit. We can schedule tours Monday-Friday from 8:30am - 4:30pm

### **Do you compete in the National Intercollegiate Flight Association flight events?**

Yes, we are in Region X and have been actively involved for seven years. During that time we have won the regional event six consecutive years and placed second in the other. You must have a private pilot certificate to try out for the team.

### **Are you a member of the University Aviation Association?**

Yes.

### **Are you a member of International Association of Missionary Aviation?**

Yes.

### **Is your program accredited?**

Yes, we are fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities (SACS) and Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS).

### **What type of experience does your senior staff have?**

Our senior staff has over 180 years of aviation experience in missionary, airline, and military flying.

### **Are summer aviation classes available?**

Yes, but they are only flying classes. We recommend that students attend summer flight sessions if they are nearing the completion of a certificate or simply desire to get ahead. During the summer they can expect to fly 5 times a week.

### **When do you usually become a flight instructor?**

Normally, a student must remain at Liberty University over a summer to gain the flight time necessary to become eligible before their senior year. In order to qualify, the individual must sit before the Certified Flight Instructor Board. We consider individuals based on their spiritual walk, reputation, professional appearance, and maturity. Once they have been interviewed and hired as a flight instructor we will work to schedule their flights around their academic schedule. Flight instructing allows them to begin building your hours so that they will have the required flight time to be hired upon graduation or shortly thereafter.

I hope this answers a few of your questions about our aviation program here at Liberty University. Please feel free to call the office if you have further questions. I look forward to the opportunity of meeting and talking to you in the near future.

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