



Black Pilots of America
"Les Morris" Summer Flight Academy
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To the Parents of students that are interested in attending the BPA Summer Flight Academy

At the BPA Summer Flight Academy, we seek to excite young people about flying and their potential as a participant in the aviation field. Furthermore, we help them translate this excitement to academic studies which form the foundation of a productive career in aviation. Our instructors are all experienced flight instructors who volunteer their time to share their combined experience of 165 years in the aviation field with the young people in the BPA Summer Flight Academy.

Your son/daughter will receive up to 10 hours of flight time and 40 hours of ground school. They must have at least a "B" average and be between the ages of 16 - 19.

To the Students interested in attending the BPA Summer Flight Academy

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to take the control of an aircraft in the skies? Well, here is your chance. You will begin your flight after you preflight your aircraft under the supervision of an experienced flight instructor. When you and your instructor are satisfied that the aircraft is safe to fly, you will then enter the cockpit and complete the "Before Starting Checklist".

You then start the engine and once the engine fires to life, you get a taxi clearance and start taxiing the aircraft. At the end of the runway you turn the aircraft into the wind and complete the run-up check. Once you and your instructor are satisfied that the aircraft is ready, you get a takeoff clearance. You then taxi onto the runway, apply full power and takeoff.

You are now flying and after an hour of flight instruction you return to the airport, line up with the landing runway and land the aircraft. You then taxi back to the parking area, set the brakes and shut down the engine. After completing the "Shutdown Checklist", you log your flight time in your log book and have your instructor sign it.

Learning to fly requires more than getting into an airplane and flying, it also requires that you learn the subjects required to pass the FAA Private Pilot Written Exam. So each day, you will attend ground school. The ground school is taught by experienced instructors using the latest audio visual equipment and computers.

The BPA Summer Flight Academy is a 14-day ultimate rush. Are you up for the challenge?

Parent/Sponsor Information

Because of the highly concentrated ground school and flight training given at the BPA Summer Flight Academy, it is required that the student have at least a "B" average and be highly motivated towards flying.

Each student is expected to put forth a maximum effort to complete the program. This intense "total immersion" aviation course conducted by highly qualified, competent and demanding volunteer staff is not for the casual camper. ***Students who are not ready and willing to expend the required intellectual and physical effort should not attend.***

Excellent character, good conduct, and maturity are required of all students. It is essential that the parent and/or sponsor submitting the application understand that the student, for whom application is made, must have no characteristics which will make him/her an undesirable companion for the other students. Students who, in the opinion of the BPA Summer Academy staff, fail to make satisfactory aeronautical progress, behave contrary to Academy rules, or whose actions are contrary to Academy objectives, will be expelled from the Academy. Expelled students, their parents and/or sponsor will receive no refund of fees.

What our Former Parents and Students say....

Ever since I was young I have dreamed of flying an airplane, and now I know that my dream can become a reality. During the two-week experience, I ascertained a great wealth of knowledge on every aspect of flight.

Andrew Burgdorf - Student

It is amazing how you could take someone who knew nothing about flying an airplane like myself, and in two weeks have them knowing all of the basic principles, procedures and maneuvers of flight.

Kevin Dupree - Student

As an educator, I am very much impressed with the methods, substance, and results of your instruction. What your students learned and what they have done within a two-week period is remarkable.

Ava Taylor – Parent/Teacher

Requirements, Location and Fees

The BPA Summer Flight Academy will be held in Houston, TX at the Houston Southwest Airport (KAXH). The Students should arrive at the BPA Summer Flight Academy on Saturday, July 11, 2026 no later than **3pm** and must depart the Academy on Saturday, July 25, 2026 between **7am and noon**.

Those Students arriving via commercial airline should fly into Hobby (HOU) Airport or Houston Intercontinental (IAH) Airport, Houston, TX. They will be met by the BPA staff in the baggage claim area. Further arrival information will be included in the registration information.

The fee for the BPA Summer Flight Academy is \$4,800 for BPA Members and organizational members of IBAC and \$4,895 for a non BPA member. The application and a nonrefundable \$500 deposit must be postmarked by May 15th. The balance must be paid by June 1st.

The application is the key to the efficient operation of the BPA Summer Flight Academy. Therefore, it is absolutely essential to have all applications postmarked no later than May 15th. There will be an additional \$100 charge if the application is postmarked after May 15th. An application may also be completed on our web site at www.bpapilots.org

Proof of Citizenship

Any U.S. citizen applying for training to be used towards a recreational, sport pilot, private pilot (single or multi engine) certificate, multi engine rating at any level, or instrument rating, in an aircraft weighing less than 12,500 pounds must present the flight school or flight instructor with evidence of U.S. citizenship. Evidence may be shown by one of the following:

Valid unexpired U.S. passport

Original birth certificate of the United States, American Samoa, or Swains Island, and government-issued picture ID

Original U.S. naturalization or citizenship certificate (Form N-550 or N-570) with raised seal and government-issued picture ID

Original certificate of U.S. citizenship with raised seal (Form N-560 or N-561), or a Certificate of Repatriation (Form N-581), and government-issued picture ID

Original certification of birth abroad with raised seal (Form FS-545 or DS-1350) and government-issued picture ID.

A copy of proof of citizenship MUST accompany the application

Make check payable to BPA Summer Flight Academy and mail application with the \$500.00 deposit to:

BPA Summer Flight Academy, 108 Courthouse Way, Jonesboro, GA 30236

No refund of fees will be made to any student, sponsor or parent, if the student is dismissed from the Academy because of improper conduct and/or attitude.

The fee INCLUDES:

Up to 10 hours of flight time (weather permitting), flight computer, log book and plotter, ground school textbooks and supplies, room and board, meals, and planned tours (weather permitting).

The fee DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Travel to and from the Academy, required personal items, laundry, spending money, **3rd Class Medical/Student Pilot Certificate**, or excessive breakage and damages at lodging facility and/or depredation to Academy equipment.

