

Ready to Apply – International Students

Congratulations on making the decision to begin your aviation career at FlightSafety Academy!

Below is the checklist of items necessary to apply to FlightSafety Academy. Prospective students must submit the \$150.00 application fee and \$2,350.00 tuition deposit to confirm a position in the selected class and have a completed application package with placement approval at least 15 days in advance of the upcoming Pilot Preflight date and prior to being added to a wait-list for on-campus housing. Applicants must meet the FAA minimum age requirements for each certificate sought. All applicants will be subject to Export Compliance approval. Export Compliance approval requires copies of a passport to be authenticated by our FlightSafety International Export Compliance office.

Original documents must be presented at Student Orientation/ Pilot Preflight for all applicable items.

- Application for Admissions** – must be signed and completed in its entirety. Applications and required documents must be completed and submitted in their entirety at least 15 days in advance of the upcoming Pilot Preflight date. This will also apply to the open enrollment dates. Please check with Admissions for submission deadlines.
- \$150.00 Non-refundable Application Fee**
- \$2,350.00 Refundable Tuition Deposit**
- Copy of ALL Passports Held** – All applicants are required to submit a passport for admissions. If you have citizenship, residency, or status in more than one country you must submit a copy of all Passports issued to you.
- Proof of English Proficiency** – A minimum TOEFL score of 80 for iBT (www.toefl.org) is required. Alternate English proficiency examinations will be considered.
- Proof of Education** – Applicants must possess an education level equivalent to a U.S. High School diploma or higher. Education obtained outside of the U.S. or at an IBO school must be certified as equivalent to a U.S. High School diploma. This can be done through a member of NACES at www.naces.org/members.html. International education documents must be submitted in English or translated and certified.
- Proof of Financial Ability** – Applicants must provide a letter from their bank stating the amount of funds available to cover both tuition and living expenses in U.S. dollars. Refer to the “Proof of Financial Ability” fact sheet for more information.
- Copy of FAA 1st Class Medical Certificate** – Visit www.faa.gov or www.flightphysical.com to find an FAA Medical Examiner in your area. When completing the FAA Medical Certificate Application refer to and copy the information **exactly** as it appears on your Passport or government issued identification. No flight training can take place until the FAA Medical Certificate is obtained. If there is no FAA Medical Examiner available in your area you may choose to schedule an appointment in Vero Beach. If you choose this option you must arrive in Vero Beach in advance of your training start date to allow time to schedule and attend the exam to avoid delays in your training.
- Copy of FAA Student Pilot Certificate** – Apply for your FAA Student Pilot Certificate by visiting <https://iacra.faa.gov> When completing the FAA Medical Certificate Application refer to and copy the information **exactly** as it appears on your Passport or government issued identification. No flight training can take place until the FAA Medical Certificate is obtained. If there is no FAA Medical Examiner available in your area you may choose to schedule an appointment in Vero Beach. If you choose this option you must arrive in Vero Beach in advance of your training start date to allow time to schedule and attend the exam to avoid delays in your training.
- Copy of Flight Certificate(s)** (if any are held) – If you intend to utilize your licenses obtained outside the U.S. toward licensing in the U.S. the FAA requires a completed Foreign License Verification. After the verification has been completed, the FAA will issue a Letter of Authenticity for your records. A copy of this letter must be provided to confirm credit eligibility. An FAA license conversion will be required upon your arrival.
- Student Review Form** (if applicant holds a Private Pilot License or above)
- TSA Registration** – Refer to the 10-Step TSA and VISA Guide fact sheet for assistance. Registration must be completed at www.flightschoolcandidates.gov.
- Personal Data Protection Consent Form** (signed and completed in its entirety) – Your privacy is important to FlightSafety Academy. We want you to know how the information you provide to us is utilized. Please read and provide consent on the Personal Data Protection Consent Form. Please note that any information collected is typically required for FlightSafety Academy to provide regulatory approved training and services.

Completed applications may be submitted online at www.FlightSafetyAcademy.com, by email to admissions@FlightSafety.com, by fax to 772.564.7610, or by mail to 2805 Airport Drive, Vero Beach, FL 32960 – Attention Admissions.

Questions on admissions should be directed to admissions@FlightSafety.com. Questions about VISA, TSA, and Student Housing should be directed to Jennifer Penn, FSI Immigration Coordinator/ Academy Housing Manager at Jennifer.Penn@FlightSafety.com.

Commonly Asked Questions

What is the best way to see FlightSafety Academy's campus? Can I schedule a tour?

There is no substitute for seeing the Academy in person. We welcome you to schedule a complete, behind the scenes, campus tour on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:00am. Meet staff, talk to students, inspect the fleet, and check out our first-class facilities. Call us at 772.564.7600 or email to Academy@FlightSafety.com to schedule your visit.

How accurate is the estimated timeline and pricing?

We do our best to make the estimated timeline and pricing as accurate as possible. Factors such as weather and student vacation requests can affect your graduation date and total tuition cost. Although many students complete their training within the projected timeline and costs, we do recommend budgeting an extra 10% in the event additional hours are required to achieve proficiency.

How soon should I begin the application process?

You should begin the application process at least one (1) month in advance for domestic students and three (3) months in advance for international students.

What happens if I change my mind after paying the application fee and tuition deposit?

The \$2,350.00 tuition deposit is fully refundable if you are unable to enroll in FlightSafety Academy.

What is Pilot Preflight and Ground School?

Pilot Preflight will be your introduction to the Academy with a 5-day, full immersion into the training environment. It is meant to help incoming students understand the expectations and challenges many will face while pursuing a career as a professional pilot.

Students attend a Ground School class at the beginning of each course to introduce you to FlightSafety procedures and review academic content. Ground schools are typically held for 6 hours each day, Monday through Friday, from 8:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm. The classes range from one (1) to four (4) weeks in duration. CELL PHONE use is not permitted during ground school and only approved Academy beverage mugs can be used in ground school class rooms.

Do students wear uniforms?

Yes. All Academy students wear the standard uniform which is included in the cost of tuition and includes a white shirt with epaulets, black slacks, tie, wings, shoulder boards, and a name tag. Students must provide black shoes, belt and socks.

Does FlightSafety Academy offer stand-alone courses?

Yes. The Academy offers a variety of courses for leisure or time restrained pilots. You can obtain the PPL, IFR, MEAD, SEAD, CFI, CFII, MEI one at a time. Stand-alone training is approved on a case-by-case basis.

How often do classes begin?

Many classes begin monthly. See the Training Schedule for more information on training dates.

I see you offer housing. Do I need to sign a lease?

FlightSafety offers on-campus housing to students. Availability is limited and often assigned on a first-come first-served basis. Housing is traditional, double occupancy, dormitory style, and prices start at \$25 per night. No lease is required. Minimum age of 18 is required to live in Academy housing and reserved for Academy students only.

Can I earn a degree at FlightSafety Academy?

FlightSafety Academy and West Virginia University Institute of Technology have partnered to offer an online Aviation Management degree program. Complete your flight training at the Academy and obtain your four-year bachelor degree through West Virginia University Institute of Technology.

Are there additional requirements for a green card holder?

Yes. Green card holders must register with TSA at www.flightschoolcandidates.gov. You will be required to submit your information, upload a copy of your passport, submit fingerprints, and pay a fee of \$130.00 for their services. TSA registration is required for all non-U.S. citizens.

How can I submit my application and supporting documents?

You may submit your application and supporting documentation via email to Admissions@FlightSafety.com, by mail to Admissions, FlightSafety Academy, 2805 Airport Drive, Vero Beach, FL 32960, via fax to 772.564.7610, or online at www.FlightSafetyAcademy.com.

How do I submit my tuition deposit?

FlightSafety Academy accepts checks (5-10 day hold), cashier's checks, money orders, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, and wire transfers. Credit card payments not paid in person require an authorization letter and credit card information form granting FlightSafety Academy permission to charge your credit card.

Do we have holidays off?

FlightSafety Academy is closed for the standard U.S. holidays. We offer an optional official school holiday each year from December 15-January 10. Students may request a Leave of Absence (LOA) during this time. It is important to note that any time missed may lengthen your estimated training time and possibly increase costs as lessons may need to be repeated.

Who can I contact if I have more questions?

If you have more questions please call the Academy at 772.564.7600 Monday through Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm.