

# AVIATION EXPLORERS POST 747

## STEPS TO FOLLOW

(It's not necessary to follow this sequence)

1. Take Young Eagle Flight (free) through local EAA Chapter (4<sup>th</sup> Sat. of month at WHP)
2. Enroll in Sporty's Learn to Fly Ground School (or another Ground School – see #9 below) (Sporty's is free for Young Eagles; see link in [www.youngeagles.com](http://www.youngeagles.com) or call 800-843-3612)
3. Sign up for Learning for Life Aviation Explorers (ask about requirements for taking lessons through Post 747 which pays for ½ of flight training) [www.aviationexplorers.net](http://www.aviationexplorers.net)
4. Join EAA (Student Membership) [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org)
5. Join AOPA (6 month free membership and free Flight Training magazine) [www.aopa.org](http://www.aopa.org)
6. Join SFV 99s Women Pilots (girls only) [www.ninety-nines.org](http://www.ninety-nines.org) or [www.sfv99s.org](http://www.sfv99s.org)
7. Apply for Student Pilot Certificate (see "Ceci's Tips" in [www.sfv99s.org/education.php](http://www.sfv99s.org/education.php) )
8. Look for and apply for flight scholarships (see "Ceci's Tips" for list of scholarships and more)
9. Study Ground School (see "Tips for Ground School" on [www.aviationexplorers.net/scholarships.html](http://www.aviationexplorers.net/scholarships.html) )
10. Get endorsement to take FAA Written Exam (after completing ground school)
11. Take and pass FAA Written Exam (Required before solo) (Sporty's will reimburse the cost)
12. Choose flight school and flight instructor (Explorer Post 747 will pay for ½ of lessons in airplane at Whiteman or specified flight school after Explorer meets guidelines)
13. Start flying lessons (Sporty's provides coupon for first lesson; go to [www.youngeagles.com](http://www.youngeagles.com) )
14. Get FAA Medical Certificate (required before solo)
15. Solo!
16. Take short cross country flight
17. Take long cross country flight
18. Prepare for check-ride oral and practical
19. Take check-ride for Private Pilot Certificate
20. Do aviation community service throughout training
21. Perform activities for Congressional Medal throughout training