

HIGH SCHOOL



Virginia Pilot Pathways Program
Denbigh Aviation Academy
Virginia Department of Aviation scholarships
Women Can Fly
Experimental Aircraft Association Young Eagles
Civil Air Patrol Cadets
STEM Flights
NEXTGEN Aviators

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook, about 181,000 pilots will be needed each year over the next decade. Now's the time to consider a career in aviation in Virginia!

COMMERCIAL PILOT



AIRPORT FLIGHT SCHOOLS



1. Obtain Private Pilot License
* Classroom instruction and in-flight training
* Between 45 and 70 hours
* Cost: ~\$14,000

2. Obtain Instrument Rating
* Classroom instruction and in-flight training
* Between 35 and 45 hours
* Cost: ~\$14,000

3. Obtain Commercial Pilot Rating
* Classroom instruction and in-flight training
* 120 hours
* Cost: ~\$25,000

COLLEGE DEGREE FROM:
Blue Ridge Community College
Liberty University
Hanpton University
American Aviation
Averett University

ATP FLIGHT SCHOOL
MILITARY

AIRLINE FLIGHT ACADEMY

4. Become Certified Flight Instructor
* Classroom instruction and in-flight training
* 25 hours
* Cost: ~\$10,000

5. Qualify as Commercial First Officer
* Work as certified flight instructor
* 1240 hours

6. Regional Captain
* Work as first officer
* 2000 hours

The return on investment for a pilot is \$35 earned for every dollar spent on certification, higher than a doctor or lawyer. It costs about \$120,000 for all of the education and training to become a commercial pilot and starting salaries are about \$90,000. Scholarships are available to cover some of the costs.