



Flying NZ

Young Eagles Program Guiding Principles

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Introduction

This Flying NZ Young Eagles program is designed to encourage young people to experience flying for personal achievement, fun and participation in a safe environment.

It provides the opportunity for young people to consider flying for sport and recreation or a career as a Commercial Pilot. The added bonus is it enables them to have some fun while learning about aviation.

Flying NZ Young Eagles is initiated through the local Aero Club to give young people a heightened awareness of the total aviation environment, giving them practical experience and exposure to a wide variety of aviation activities.

The scheme originated with the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) in the USA. The Royal New Zealand Aero Club (Flying NZ) adapted the EAA program to suit the New Zealand environment and the existing Aero Club structure. The Flying NZ Young Eagles Scheme is recognised by the EAA and was registered with them as an official Young Eagles National organisation. Flying NZ now operates its program independently.

The participating age group is 12 – 17 years and at March 2016 total enrolments exceeded 350.

Flying NZ encourages the participants to continue, through coordinating and supporting a system of Flight Leaders or Young Eagle Coordinators, at individual Aero Clubs. These qualified pilots are Aero Club members who volunteer to support the program in their local Aero Club. The suitability and skill levels are assessed by qualified flight instructors prior to them being permitted to take Young Eagles flying.

The Flying NZ Young Eagles program includes a variety of activities designed to interest and teach the participants throughout the program and to maintain their interest and membership through to age 15, at which time the Young Eagles qualify to apply for one of 6 scholarships on offer.

Many Young Eagles graduates have continued on to a career in an aviation related field, be that as a pilot, an engineer, an air traffic controller or in any of the myriad of roles in aviation.

More information is available at: <http://www.flyingnz.co.nz/youngeagles.html>

Acknowledgements

Aviation is an expensive activity with the cost of participation a significant barrier to entry for young people. Many people volunteer their time and enthusiasm to enable the Young Eagles programme to operate and provide opportunities for youth. Nevertheless despite the great work done by these valued volunteers it would not be possible to run the programme without the support of our generous sponsors.

Flying New Zealand would like to formally acknowledge and thank our sponsors. Without their generous and ongoing support it would not be possible to provide Young Eagles with the opportunities they enjoy. Aviation is a growing industry that is increasingly important to the New Zealand economy. Today's Young Eagles could well be tomorrow's aviation business leaders. The support of the Young Eagles sponsors is essential to the programmes' success and to the success of these young people. Thank you on behalf of Flying New Zealand.

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Overview

Why Promote Young Eagles?

Young Eagles are a future pipeline of members for the Flying New Zealand Aero Clubs in NZ. Some Young Eagles will continue their recreational flying and maintain their memberships. Many will drop out after a year or two and later some will come back when they are financially in a position to invest in recreational flying.

Young Eagles are a long term membership pool for Aero Clubs, the value of this cannot be underestimated.

Additionally being a Young Eagle Commander provides a reason for qualified pilots to continue to maintain their currency and improve their flight skills by staying involved. Not only does this generate flying hours across an Aero Clubs fleet it also provide an opportunity for the YEC to experience the pleasure of sharing their passion for aviation with a young person.

Safety and Risk Management

All Young Eagle Flight Commanders will hold the appropriate pilot qualification and will be approved by the club CFI to conduct Young Eagle flights.

All Young Eagles must have the written consent of a parent or guardian to participate.

Flying New Zealand has introduced a fit and proper person process which will be managed by the Executive Secretary to further vet the Young Eagles Coordinator's. This will include a court history check. Please supply Name, Address, DOB.

Education

The Young Eagles programme is about introducing young people to aviation and then assisting them learn and grow to develop their interest in recreational aviation or aviation as a career. The educational and learning opportunities should not be discounted. It is Flying New Zealand's view that providing opportunities for young people to experience aviation opens up a wide range of career options as well as teaching valuable life skills. Flying New Zealand will work with Service IQ to ensure all opportunities for Young Eagles to benefit by obtaining NCEA credits are availed of while undertaking youth aviation related activities.

Costs

All activities are generally operated on a cost share basis. If sponsorship or alternate funding is available to assist in boosting participation or enabling an

activity it should be availed of so long as it does not breach CAA cost share rules for Private Pilots.

Reputation

Flying New Zealand has a reputational risk to manage to ensure all Young Eagles are treated with dignity and respect in a safe environment.

Partner Organisations

Flying New Zealand works with a number of partner organisations to provide the greatest opportunity for participation to the widest number of young people. Partner organisations include but are not limited to:

- Service IQ
- Sport NZ
- RNZAF
- Air New Zealand
- NZ Scouts (Walsh Flying School)
- ATC
- Airways
- NZ CAA
- BP
- Z Energy
- ASPEQ Aviation Services Ltd

Resources

The Flying NZ website <http://www.flyingnz.co.nz/youngeagles.html> has up to date resources and information.

Promotion of the Young Eagle Programme

Flying New Zealand will promote the Young Eagle programme to clubs, sponsors, and partner organisations where ever possible. Flying New Zealand will also use local and national media where ever possible along with events such as competitions and safari's to promote the Young Eagle programme.

Documentation

The Flying New Zealand Executive Secretary will maintain up to date Young Eagle documentation and make it available to clubs as required. The Executive Secretary will maintain the Young Eagle Commander fit and proper person court history checks in a confidential file.

Education NCEA Credits

Flying New Zealand will work with Service IQ to ensure Young Eagles can benefit from achieving NCEA credits wherever possible while partaking in youth aviation activities.

Scholarships and Resources

Sponsorship is an important part of providing Young Eagles with opportunities to fulfil their dreams of becoming a Pilot. Flying NZ facilitates Scholarships annually.

Check the Flying NZ website for up to date information

<http://www.flyingnz.co.nz/youngeagles.html>

Karen Groome, Executive Secretary of Flying NZ, coordinates the Young Eagles Scheme and provides administration support of the scheme for Flying NZ from her Office in Taupo. Karen's contact details are:

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Other members of the Flying NZ Executive Committee provide support as required.

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Summary

The Young Eagles programme is a foundation of the Aero Club movement that provides an opportunity to generate new membership, and enhance the clubs reputations on their communities by providing youth activities and education opportunities.

These activities are important to the long term survival of the organisation. The Flying New Zealand Executive will coordinate and support Young Eagle activities at a national level where ever possible.