

Veterans Wings of Transition Pilot Program

Mission Statement

The Veterans Wings of Transition Pilot Program empowers U.S. military veterans to transform their service experience into successful aviation careers. This 4-week online initiative provides veterans with essential life skills, goal-setting tools, mental wellness strategies, and aviation readiness training — creating a clear, supported pathway from military service to professional pilot training.

Goal:

Launch the program with a group of select veterans from as our first pilot cohort.



Program Structure

Duration: 4 weeks (part-time, 8–10 hours/week)

- Delivery: 100% online with modules.

Cost: Free — funded through grants and sponsorship from YourFlightSchool.com.

Availability: Open to veterans in Staten Island, New York and all 50 states.

Eligibility:

- U.S. Military Veterans (any branch, honorable or general discharge).
- High school diploma or GED (or willingness to pursue during the program).
- Commitment to completing all four weeks and pursuing flight school training.



Week 1: Life Skills for Civilian Transition



Objective: Strengthen foundational skills for post-service success.

Modules (2 hours each):

Financial Basics

- Budgeting, managing expenses, and understanding credit.
- Opening bank accounts and accessing veteran financial resources.

Employment Essentials

- Resume building and civilian job search strategies.
- Translating military experience into civilian workforce language.

Activities:

- Create a personal monthly budget.
- Draft a professional resume.



Week 2: Goal Setting and Mission Planning

Objective: Develop a clear personal and professional direction.

Modules (4 hours total):

Defining Goals (2 hours):

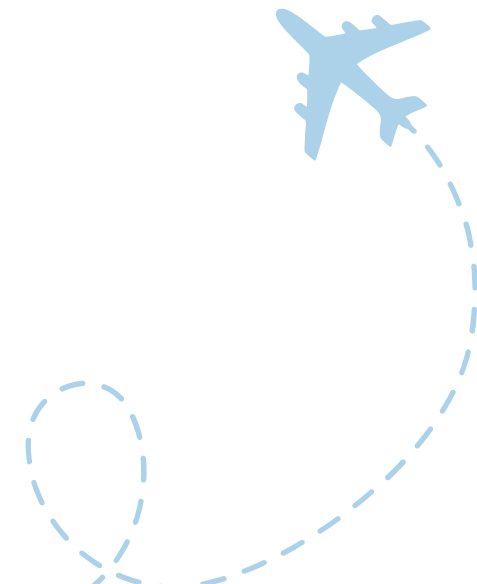
- Apply the SMART goal framework (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound).
- Set short-term goals (employment, housing) and long-term goals (aviation career).

Overcoming Obstacles (2 hours):

- Strategies for resilience, motivation, and post-service adjustment.
- Identifying and overcoming barriers to success.
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Activities:

- Write 3 SMART goals (personal, professional, and aviation-related).



Week 3: Mental Health and Community Connection



Objective: Build emotional resilience and foster community engagement

Modules (2 hours each):

Mental Health Awareness:

- Mindfulness and stress management techniques
- Accessing veteran mental health resources (VA, Vet Centers, support groups).

Community Integration:

- Connecting with local veteran organizations and peer networks.
- Finding community services (housing, healthcare, mentorship).



Week 4: Aviation Career Preparation

Objective: Prepare veterans for flight school and FAA medical requirements.

Modules (2 hours each):

Introduction to Aviation:

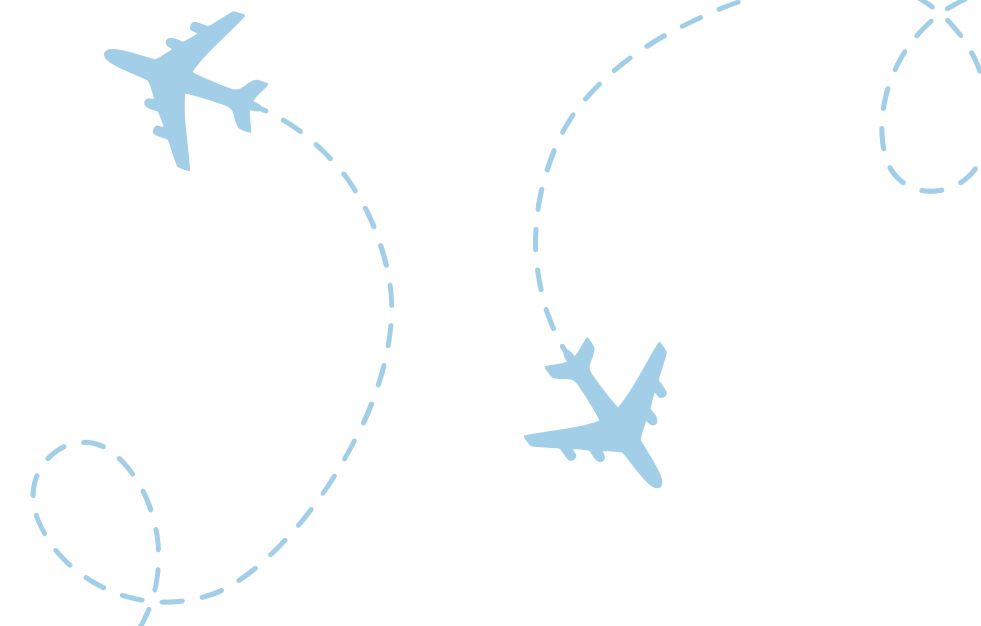
- Overview of pilot careers, pathways, and basic aviation concepts.
- Understanding flight school expectations and certification steps.
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Medical and Physical Readiness:

- FAA Class 1 Medical Exam overview and health standards.
- Guidance on physical fitness, nutrition, and mental readiness.

Activities:

- Complete an aviation knowledge quiz.
- Review the FAA Medical Exam checklist and plan your appointment.



Graduation Requirements



To successfully graduate, participants must:

- Complete all modules (minimum 80% participation).
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- Submit a **Goal Setting Plan** (3 SMART goals and transition strategy).
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- Pass a short final quiz covering life skills, goal setting, and aviation basics.



Flight School Admission

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Graduates who complete the program and pass their FAA Class 1 Medical Exam will receive:

- **Guaranteed Admission** to *Your Flight School's* vocational pilot program.
- **Full or partial scholarships** funded by *Wings of Transition* donors.

Program Impact

- **Empowers Veterans:** Translates military discipline and leadership into aviation excellence.
- **Supports Transition:** Provides life, wellness, and career tools for a smooth civilian reintegration.
- **Diversifies Aviation:** Expands representation of veterans within professional aviation careers.



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