Welcome Packet

We are excited that you chose us for your flight training! If you have not already submitted the following items to your instructor, please be sure to bring them with you the next time you fly with us:

- Passport OR birth certificate
- Driver's license/government issued ID

Please review Page 3 for information on getting your FAA medical. We recommend that you set up an appointment to get a 3rd class medical as soon as possible. Or, if you plan on making this a career, you can get a 1st or 2nd class.

Please begin to familiarize yourself with our scheduling system, Flight Circle. This is where you will find information about aircraft maintenance, instructor and aircraft availability, your training syllabus progress, existing reservation status, and view your complete billing ledger.

Required items:

- Headset
  - The school has headsets that you may use, however, investing in your own is always the best option.
  - We recommend starting off with David Clarks. David Clarks will run you about $350. They are dependable and will last you a long time.
  - If you want a nice pair with the noise canceling feature, we recommend Bose.
- Mini Tablet or Kneeboard
  - A mini-tablet is recommended for training. Full size tablets are too large to secure in the cockpit.
  - The average cost for a kneeboard is anywhere from $20-$80, and you can find them on Sportys.com should you choose to use one instead of a mini-tablet.

- Foreflight
    - Navigational/flight planning app. Subscription prices vary and can be used on Apple products. Investing in and learning how to utilize the application early is a good idea, as it will likely be your primary source of planning when you become a pilot.
- Logbook
    - We have logbooks for sale at the school for you to purchase.
- FAR/AIM
    - You can get the FAR/AIM app, which updates automatically every year, on your iPad for $10. Hard copy versions will be $15-$20 on Amazon. This is the “pilot bible” and updated copies annually are a must.

Ground School

We recommend that you choose a good home study course to prepare for the written exam and checkride. There will be plenty of opportunities to cover ground school material with your instructor, but a home study course saves you a significant amount of time and money!

Written exam

The written exam, also called the Knowledge Test, is part of the certification process. Written exams can be taken at any testing location. When you get to this stage in your training, you will go to faa.psiexams.com and set up an account. You will need your FTN (flight training number) in order to set up an account, which your flight instructor will help you obtain when you apply for your student pilot certificate.

The cost of your written exam will be $175, and you can take it at Skywarrior, AMS, or Trident/Pray Aviation. If you score a 90% or above, Pensacola Air will credit the amount for the exam to your flight training account!

If you are military you can take the written exam for FREE at Hurlburt Education Center on Tuesdays when they are scheduled; you must have your own access to the base.

Instructor

It is important for your flight training journey that you and your instructor are a good match. If for any reason you feel as if it is not working out with you and your instructor

but feel uncomfortable approaching them, reach out to us at kpnsair@gmail.com or 850-316-8825 and we will place you with another instructor. You are also encouraged to have a backup instructor that you enjoy flying with, and your primary instructor can recommend and introduce you to one!

Aircraft and Instructor Rates

Cherokee 140 (PA28-140 TAA, we have 1) - $190
Warrior (We have 5) - $180
Archer (We have 2) - $190
RedBird Sim - $60
Instructor rate: $60/hr Private/Comm, $65/hr Instrument, complex, and CFII

Required Books

- Pilot Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge FAA-H-8083-25B - Free on FAA website
- Airplane Flying Handbook
- Private Pilot ACS - Free on FAA website
- FAR/AIM - approximately $10 for the app on Ipad which updates every year automatically, and the paper copy cost is around $15.

Obtaining a Medical

One of the *many* steps in the process obtaining your student pilot certificate

- Once you have made an appointment with one of the physicians listed below, fill out your medical application at: **medxpress.faa.gov**

Name	Address	Phone	Class type
Louis Fowler	431 Government St. **Pensacola**	850-433-9391 (text only)	First class
Richard Lucey	710 Underwood ave **Pensacola**	850-477-3453	First class

Medical continued:
Verify which class of medical the examiner you contact will provide (1st, 2nd, 3rd).

For other locations, visit: designee.faa.gov

Important medical information from the FAA website: www.faa.gov/pilots/medical/

Flight Training Financing

If you are interested in financing your training you will find the information for Stratus Financial, who has approved our school syllabus, on the Pensacola Air website.
Company: Stratus Financial
https://stratus.finance/apply/pensacola-air-flight/

There are also many scholarships available through various aviation non-profits. If you get involved and volunteer your time, you may be qualified for the scholarships.

Here are a list of a few non-profits and their local chapters:

- Women in Aviation
  - Wai.org
- Women in Aviation Gulf Coast Chapter
  - Waigulfcoast.org
- EAA (experimental aircraft association)
  - Eaa.org
  - Local chapter: EAA 485
- Ninety-nines
  - Ninety-nines.org
  - Local chapter: Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast

Student Renter's Insurance

All Private Pilot students must have a renter's insurance policy in place with a minimum of $25,000 non-owned hull value / physical damage to aircraft coverage. There are multiple providers to choose from, and you may contact your instructor or Pensacola Air staff for help if needed. You do not need this prior to starting, and your instructor will advise you when it is time to purchase coverage (prior to solo'ing).

Certified pilots who are pursuing advanced ratings/certificates must have a policy with a minimum of at least $50,000 non-owned hull value / physical damage to aircraft coverage.

Once again, we are thrilled that you have chosen us as your flight school! The staff at Pensacola Air is committed to providing you with top notch service and support, so please reach out via email or phone if there is anything you need.

Happy Flying!
Pensacola Air Flight School