

# Connecting <sup>with</sup> the Future of



# Aviation



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# What Is Exploring?

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Exploring is Learning for Life's career education program for young men and women who are 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) or 15 to 20 years old. Adults are selected by the participating organization for involvement in the program. Color, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic background, economic status, or citizenship is not criteria for participation.

Exploring's purpose is to provide experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. Explorers are ready to investigate the meaning of interdependence in their personal relationships and communities.

Exploring is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth and the organizations in their communities. Local community organizations initiate an Explorer post by matching their people and program resources to the interests of young people in the community. The result is a program of activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, and develop.



## Everyone Wins With Exploring

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Exploring will be one of the best opportunities you offer your company, your employees, and the youth of your community.

### COMPANY BENEFITS

- Impact on the education process of youth
- Team-building attitude within the company
- Opportunity to interpret adult occupational roles for youth
- Preparing young adults for transition from school to work
- Creating a “safe haven” for the healthy development of adolescents
- Developing future responsible and caring adults
- Ensuring that young people see how your business relates to the free-enterprise system
- Helping young adults gain insight into the ethics and ideals of business
- Visible commitment to the welfare of your community

### EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

- Greater job awareness
- Developing leadership and problem-solving skills
- Re-evaluating ethical and moral values



- Opportunity for greater community involvement
- Respect from youth and community
- Identification as appropriate adult role models
- Enhancing communication, planning, and program development skills
- Greater commitment to service
- Developing interpersonal skills used in the workplace and elsewhere



### YOUTH BENEFITS

- Stimulated interest in continual education
- Career information; insight into future vocation
- Positive alternative to negative youth activities, such as drug abuse and involvement with gangs
- Sense of acceptance and belonging to the “right” group
- Safe environment for adultlike activities
- Opportunities to participate in practical, real, and meaningful hands-on experiences
- New career and personal skills
- Opportunities to try leadership roles and develop skills
- Cooperative relationship between adults and youth
- Service to others



# Exploring's Five Areas of Emphasis

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## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Developing potential contacts that may broaden employment options
- Boosting self-confidence and experiencing success at school and work



## SERVICE LEARNING

- Encouraging the skill and desire to help others
- Gaining a keen respect for the basic rights of others



## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Developing leadership skills to fulfill our responsibilities in society
- Providing exposure to different leadership traits



## LIFE SKILLS

- Developing physical and mental fitness
- Experiencing positive social interaction



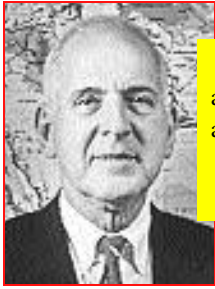
## CHARACTER EDUCATION

- Helping make ethical choices
- Fulfilling one's responsibility to society as a whole

# Mission Statement



It is the mission of Learning for Life to serve others by helping to instill core values in young people and in other ways prepare them to make ethical choices throughout their lives so they can achieve their full potential.



“You can actually see young people grow, becoming members of the aviation community as their curiosity is satisfied through Exploring. We attract sharp young people during their formative years.”

*Hal Shevers, founder/chairman  
Sporty's Pilot Shop*

“Aviation Exploring enabled me to convert an avocation to a vocation in a global industry populated by exceptional people. Life doesn't get any better than this!”

*Steve Fushelberger, director—public relations,  
advertising, and communications  
Rolls-Royce*



“Aviation Exploring provides an outstanding opportunity for young women and men to experience the diverse career opportunities in aviation—everything from maintenance technicians and air traffic controllers to airline pilots.”

*Dr. Peggy Baty Chabrian, president  
Women in Aviation, International*



## Scholarship Opportunities

- Comair Aviation Explorer \$2,000 Scholarships (10 awarded)
- National Young American Award \$5,000 Grant
- Spartan Aviation Explorer \$2,000 Scholarships (four awarded)
- Sporty's Pilot Shop Aviation Explorer \$1,000 Scholarship

## National Aviation Committee Support Organizations

- Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
- Air Line Pilots Association International
- American Airlines
- The Boeing Company
- Cessna Aircraft Company
- Comair Aviation Academy
- Delta Airlines
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Experimental Aircraft Association
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Flight Training
- Frasca International
- Helicopter Association International
- McDonnell Douglas Corporation
- National Air Transportation Association
- National Business Aviation Association
- National Coalition for Aviation Education
- Negro Airmen International
- Private Pilot
- Soaring Society of America, Inc.
- Sportman's Market, Inc.
- Sporty's Academy, Inc
- Sporty's Pilot Shop
- Teledyne Continental Motors
- Trade-A-Plane
- University Aviation Association
- UPAS, Inc.
- Women in Aviation, International

**For information about starting an aviation Explorer post, or for the location of your nearest post, please check out our Web site at [www.aviationexploring.org](http://www.aviationexploring.org).**

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