

Skymates Flight Academy was founded in 1996 by Gianluca Fausti and incorporated in Texas on January 1st, 1997. It began with the idea of training professional pilots using the many years of experience gained from several flight schools. Unlike the small understaffed and under equipped flight schools or impersonal flight training centers, Skymates has the best team of professionals and offers state-of-the art, modern equipment.

Skymates' facilities are modern, well kept, and clean. Classroom capacities support group or individual training with plenty of room to study, relax with wifi available throughout the building. Our full motion simulators are integral part of our courses with the capability of duplicating every type of plane we have. In house maintenance department takes care of all inspections and repairs for the entire fleet.



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Skymates Flight Academy is an FAA Part 141 Flight School, VA approved and partner with Envoy Airlines for the Cadet Program.

The school has trained thousands of students from every continent and gained recognition from numerous aviation regulatory authorities. We offer individual and corporate training to people wanting to make aviation a career and our graduate pilots work in all levels of commercial aviation. Skymates Flight Academy is authorized under Federal law to enroll nonimmigrant alien students, which allows international students to complete their flight training in America.

Our training includes:

- Private Pilot
- Instrument Rating
- Multi Engine Rating
- Commercial Pilot
- Airline Transport Pilot
- Certified Flight Instructor



Our primary goal is to be safe and to make happy customers returning customers. Everyone from the Flight Instructors and Chief Pilots to the Administration Staff and Mechanics are available to meet your needs. It is our honor to train your cadets.



Professional Pilot Course Part 141/61 Total Flight Hours **250** **Commercial Multi- Instrument**

Private Pilot

35 Hrs. Cessna 172SP (Dual).....	\$220.00.....	\$7,700.00
5 Hrs. Cessna 172SP (Solo).....	\$150.00.....	\$750.00
Ground Class.....		\$600.00
1.5 Hrs. VFR Cessna 172SP Check ride.....	\$150.00.....	\$225.00
1 Check ride.....		\$500.00
Pilot Kit Books /Supplies.....		\$550.00
1 FAA Written Exam.....		\$150.00
Total.....		\$10,475.00

Instrument

21 Hrs. Cessna 172SP (Dual).....	\$220.00.....	\$4,620.00
14 Hrs. Simulator (Dual).....	\$145.00.....	\$2,030.00
Ground Class.....		\$600.00
1.5 Hrs. Cessna 172SP Check ride.....	\$150.00.....	\$225.00
1 Check ride		\$500.00
Pilot Kit Books /Supplies.....		\$500.00
1 FAA Written Exam.....		\$150.00
Total.....		\$8,625.00
Cessna G1000 (Training).....		+\$220.00

Commercial AMEL

20 Hrs. Piper PA44 Seminole (Dual).....	\$360.00.....	\$7,200.00
155 Hrs. Cessna 172M (Hour building).....	\$80.00.....	\$12,400.00
1.5 Hrs. Seminole (Check ride).....	\$290.00.....	\$435.00
1 Check ride.....		\$500.00
Books/Supplies/Ground Class.....		\$750.00
1 FAA Written Exam.....		\$150.00
Total.....		\$21,435.00

Total Course..... \$40,535.00

Cessna 172 G1000 (Hour Building)..... +\$725.00

This is an estimate based on minimum hours only.
Each student will vary depending on his/her learning ability.
Prices are not guaranteed and may change depending on current fuel and oil prices.





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Additional Charges

- FAA Pilot Medical \$110.00
- Headsets are \$150.00 – \$500.00 depending on which style you prefer.
- Aviation renters insurance is \$228.00 per year and is mandatory; Skymates will assist you with the application upon arrival.
- TSA fingerprints \$99.00
- TSA fees are \$130.00 each for Private, Instrument, and Multi training.
- I-901 Sevis fee \$200.00
- DS-160 Visa application fee \$140.00
- Automobile and Auto Insurance if you choose to purchase a car: \$1,500.00-\$4,000.00 and Insurance: \$40.00 and up per month.
- Apartments or shared rooms starting at \$400 - \$600
- You will need a laptop for your studies here
- Additional charges from pilot shop on a need basis: charts, study material, flight bag, etc.
- Skymates Transportation \$100.00 per month

We will provide transportation to DFW for arrival and departure, medicals, bank account setup, and to view housing at no cost on arrival. We also provide transportation to Skymates approved housing for a monthly fee.

You will be fully responsible for purchasing any medical insurance that you need while in the United States. Medical care is very expensive if you do not have insurance. This is not a requirement being on a M-1 Visa, but if you have an accident or become ill you will need it.

<https://www.isoa.org/>

Welcome to Texas

Lodging and Cost of Living in Arlington, TX

Weather

We have all 4 seasons here in Texas. Temperatures in the summer can range from 85° F to 105°F, where winters can range from 60° to 0°. Most people wear shorts in the summer. The fall and spring are cool and rainy. An umbrella and sweater (one heavy and one light) is necessary. The winters can go from mild to very cold. Bring a heavy coat and gloves. It is recommended that when it gets cold to wear several layers of lighter, loose-fit clothing. This keeps you warmer than clothing that is one-layer and tight fitting. Skymates does not offer a school uniform and would like for you to dress for the weather so that you are comfortable in the aircraft.

Money

Do not carry a lot of cash with you at any one time. If you must make a big purchase, use checks, credit cards, debit cards, or a money order. We will assist you in opening a checking account after your arrival here in the US. Most all banks offer a visa/master debit card and checks with your checking account, which will help you a great deal. Opening a checking account is a simple process and only takes a few minutes and will help you keep track of your spending. You will need a checking account to pay your bills such as electricity and rent.

Banking

Hours vary throughout the U.S., but most banks are open from 9 AM to 6 PM, Monday through Friday. Saturday banking hours are usually 9 AM to 2 PM. Traveler's checks are easily converted into cash and are accepted by most businesses without any problem. Therefore, it is recommended that you change your money into US currency traveler's checks before leaving your country.

Cost of Food

You can eat lunch in a fast food restaurant for around \$5.00. You will save a lot of money if you purchase your food at a grocery store and cook your meals at home. You can view the cost of groceries at the following link: <http://www.tomthumb.com/IFL/Grocery/Home> this is a local grocery store with average prices.

Sales Tax

When you purchase an item in America, the price the stores put on an item is the price of the item only. The cashier will add in the sales tax when you pay. In the Dallas/Ft. Worth area, sales tax ranges from 7.25 to 8.75 percent. If an item is 99 cents, you will pay around \$1.07 this is the price + the sales tax.

The City of Arlington

Arlington is a great place to live and a well-known tourist area with a large theme park, Water Park, Texas Rangers Baseball, New Dallas Cowboy Football Stadium and many other attractions. The following links have a lot of excellent information on the Arlington area and things to do:

<http://www.arlingtontx.gov>

<http://www.allacrosstexas.com/arlington.htm>

Transportation

You can purchase a good used vehicle for around \$1,500.00-\$4,000.00. The tax title and license will cost around \$350.00. You must have liability insurance in the State of Texas and a driver's license (Texas or International). So you may want to have an international driver's license before coming to the states. Insurance can vary in price but the average cost for "liability only" insurance is around \$30.00-\$60.00 per month. We also provide transportation to Skymates approved housing for a monthly fee of \$100.00

The Following Will Walk You Through The Process Of Applying For A Student Visa.

1. Contact Skymates for a copy of our application form and submit it to: sherry@skymates.com.
2. The following documents will need to be sent along with the application. These can be scanned and emailed.
 - a. Scanned color copy of identification and expiration portion of passport.
 - b. Digital Photograph (please see application for specific directions)
 - c. **Non-refundable Application fee of \$500.00**
(These funds can be wired directly to Skymates or you may pay by <http://www.skymates.com/international/> please contact sherry@skymates.com for bank wire information.)
 - d. Proof of financial responsibility. This needs to be an official bank document showing that you have funds available for flight training desired and living expenses. Living expenses are based at \$700.00 per month while you are in the US. If the funds are deposited in a bank in another individuals name you will need to have that person send a letter stating that they will be financially responsible for your living and training expenses while in the US.
3. Skymates will then send you an acceptance letter along with an M-1 visa I-20 form.
4. Complete the form I-901 online at <https://www.fmifee.com/index.jhtml> the cost for this will be \$200. You will receive a receipt immediately after registration print this out and take with you to your US Embassy appointment. You will receive your official receipt of payment by mail you may use either copy at your interview. You must complete this step prior to scheduling your interview appointment with the American Embassy. Important - the information you enter on the Form I-901 must match exactly as you entered on the Form I-20. Include an additional \$30.00 to expedite the process if needed (recommended only if you don't have a printer at the time of process). Keep receipt with your I-20 you will need to provide the school with a copy on your arrival. The prospective student must call the nearest U.S. Embassy for an appointment to receive approval of the M-1 visa. The student will then go to the U.S. Embassy with the appropriate documents for a routine interview. Appropriate documents include: Form I-20; Passport; Financial Statements; I-901 receipt, and school acceptance letter. The student will be notified as to whether they have been approved or disapproved. If all is in order, the U.S. Embassy will provide the student with an M-1 Student Visa, permitting the student to enter the U.S. The length of time for this process varies from country to country. It may be a good idea to practice your interview with a friend or family member and to research the aviation field in your home country. Three of the most important questions asked by the Embassy are as follows:
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 - a. **Why would like to become a pilot?**
 - b. **What assurance can you give us that you will return to your home country after completion of your flight training?**
 - c. **How do you know that you can obtain a position as a pilot after returning home?**

It is often necessary to make two or three trips to the US Embassy/Consulate before they will issue you a visa. Don't give up hope if you're denied at first or even a second time. Just because they say you're denied doesn't mean you can't try again, unless you are given a written statement stating that you should not return before a specific date. Several of our students here now are studying because they didn't give up and were granted a Visa after several interviews. You should show as little contact with people in the United States as possible and should be able to demonstrate that, without a doubt, your pilot training will benefit you in your home country. Any evidence of home country permanence--for instance, ownership of a home, family staying behind, ownership of a business etc--will dramatically improve your chances of obtaining a visa. Show as much of the money as possible from home country sources. The fact that you have relatives over here does not help you get a visa, and it may hurt you (their main fear in giving out visas is whether or not you intend to leave the US after graduation). We will not call the Embassy on your behalf. The US State Department is clear in saying that we should not do so. Calls to the Embassy are reserved for life-threatening concerns.

Be prepared to talk about how pilot licenses from the United States will assist you in your country. This is one of the questions that often come up in the interview.

The U.S. has changed the organizational structure of its immigration system, and along with that will come occasional problems as people adjust to the new system. Don't be surprised to hear different people say different things about what you should and shouldn't do to obtain a visa. The keys to obtaining the visa remains:

- An academic goal
- The ability to use your Pilot License within your own country
- Connections to your home that appear strong enough to last while you study elsewhere

In your interview, whatever questions they ask, these three main ideas will be valid for their final decision, don't forget that. Evidence that you can provide to support those three ideas will also assist you greatly.

Good luck! We know how difficult it can be to receive an approval for a student visa. We wish you the best and remember that all this work now will ultimately pay off.

Visa Approval:

Contact the school administrator immediately after Visa approval so that we may confirm your training date and answer any questions before arriving.

6. [Fill out application for a background check](https://www.flightschoolcandidates.gov) at <https://www.flightschoolcandidates.gov> with TSA online. The application-processing fee for each course is \$130. If there is no fingerprinting agency located in your home country, you will need to have the fingerprint portion completed after entering the United States. You can verify if there is an agency in your home country by going to the above link and completing the form, after which, an email will be sent to you requesting fingerprints and you will be given access to a website that will show you all fingerprinting agencies. The TSA fee does not have to be paid until after you have received approval for your M-1 visa.
7. Time to pack your bags! After receiving an M-1 visa, the student must provide Skymates with the details of his/her travel arrangements before entry to the United States. This includes flight information and arrival time at DFW International Airport. Upon request, Skymates will schedule a pick up service from the Airport.
8. It is recommended that all International Students purchase a "Medical/Accident" Insurance Policy prior to arriving in the U.S., for the length of time they are in flight training at Skymates. There are several insurance companies listed on the Internet to help you with this service.
9. If you plan on driving in the US you will need to have an International License.

Admission Requirements for obtaining a Pilot License in the United States:

1. Read, speak, write and understand the English language.
2. Pass a US approved medical exam.
3. Vision must be 20/20 with or with corrective lens.
4. Age requirements:
 - a. Must be at least 16 to solo
 - b. Must be at least 17 for Private Pilot
 - c. Must be at least 18 for Commercial Pilot
 - d. Must be at least 23 for Airline Transport Pilot
5. Must pass a written exam and final check ride for each course.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
PLEASE COMPLETE ALL FIELDS TO AVOID DELAYS

Students Full Legal Name As Reported On Passport:

Last: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Address Line 1: _____

Address Line 2: _____

Address Line 3: _____

City: _____ Country: _____

Province/Territory: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone Number Including Country Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Address and Telephone Number: _____

Sex: Male Female Date of Birth: _____
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Country of Citizenship: _____ Country of Birth: _____

Are you enrolled in another school and needing a transfer? Yes No

If yes, please provide the name, of the school transferring from:

Lodging Assistance? Yes No

Desired Starting Date: _____ Desired Completion Date: _____

Do you currently hold a pilot license? Yes No

If yes, what type of license and what country was it issued from? _____

How many total flight hours logged? _____

Name, Address, Phone Number and E-Mail Address of individual or bank that will be financing your training

PLEASE CHECK BELOW IF INDIVIDUAL COURSE IS REQUESTED

- Private Pilot Course
 - Instrument Rating Course
 - Commercial Certification Course
 - Complete Professional Pilot Course
 - Flight Instructor Course
 - Instrument Flight Instructor Course
 - Multi Engine Flight Instructor Course
 - Airline Transport Pilot
 - Other (Please Describe)
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Payments for your training are due in up to 7 installments, with the first due before you start your Private Pilot training. The initial installment will also include all required enrollment fees: aviation insurance, ground schools, and Cessna training kits and the remaining being due each month after for the next 6 months. Please make sure that all payments for flight training are sent to the school and all funds for living expenses are sent to you personally. You can open a bank account after arriving here for this purpose. ALL payments for flight training are payable **directly to Skymates** and will not be processed thru any representative of Skymates. **No** representative under any circumstances is authorized to accept payments for flight training on behalf of Skymates, Inc.

If you have flight hours logged, please forward a copy of your pilot logbook (final page only) with your hours totaled and your foreign pilot license along with your application form for review from the Chief Flight Instructor and/or a personal quote for completion of training. If you are converting a foreign license you will need to apply for a conversion of your Private Pilot License with the FAA. Your converted private pilot license will be based on your foreign private pilot license and medical. All restrictions on your current license will apply. Your foreign medical must be valid for the entire length of training time in the United States. For further information on conversions and to how to apply please contact administration.

Which method will you be sending the original deposit? _____

Enrollment fees sent: _____ \$500.00 _____

Name of originating bank and sender's name: _____

Date it was/or will be sent: _____

Please don't forget to include students name on the wire directions from the originating bank for proper credit. We receive bank wires everyday with no students name attached, and this will delay your paperwork.

Student Signature: _____

To obtain bank wire information please contact sherry@skymates.com

To pay via Pay Pal immediately: <http://www.skymates.com/international/>

Please attach the following documents to this application and forward to sherry@skymates.com

(These documents can be scanned in color and sent by email **except the photo**. File extensions accepted for the photo are listed below.)

- **Digital photograph that must meet the following requirements. The photos must not be scanned photographs.**
 - Proper Lighting Arrangement - Position light sources on both sides of the subject to avoid shadows on the face. Use a light source to illuminate the background behind the subject to avoid shadows in background.
 - Camera / Subject Position - Place the camera approximately 4 ft. from the subject. Position the camera at the subject's eye level. Position the subject so that he/she faces the camera. Photograph the subject against a plain white or off-white background and center the subject's head within the frame.
 - Photograph Print Properties - Produce a 2-inch x 2-inch color photo.
 - Resolution Quality - High-resolution photography and printing are highly recommended. The entire face and all fine facial features should be in focus. For uploading photographs, we accept the following file extensions: BMP, DOC, GIF, HTML, JPEG, JPG, PDF, and TIF. In addition, the file name may only contain ENGLISH characters.

- **Identification portion of valid passport**
- **Proof of financial responsibility**
- **Enrollment fee's**

Please feel in the following so that we may thank the correct person or company:

How did you hear about our Pilot Training Academy?

Search Engine Name: _____

Former Student Name: _____

Employee Name: _____

Other: _____

I, _____ certify that I can read, write, speak and understand the English language. I understand that this is a requirement for flight training in the United States. I also understand that if I arrive at Skymates, Inc. and do not meet the English requirements that I will not be allowed to enroll in my intended course.

Signature: _____

