

FAA Grant Fuels Jessup University's New Aviation Academy

Jessup Aviation Academy is a federally funded program for students ages 13-19 who want to acquire hands-on flight training and discover the field of aviation.

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Jessup University, a private Christian liberal arts university in Northern California, is launching Jessup Aviation Academy after receiving a \$303,808 award through the Aircraft Pilots Workforce Development Grant Program. The Academy will provide flight simulation training and aviation-related classroom instruction to students ages 13-19. The first group is scheduled to start in mid-May.



Jessup Aviation student

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Partnering with Mach 5 Aviation and the Aerospace Museum of California, students will learn to take-off and fly in a state-of-the-art flight simulator, then move on to fly in a real airplane. They will also receive a full campus tour of Jessup University. Once students finish the 1.5 hour program, they will receive a certificate of completion redeemable at Mach 5 in Auburn for a free discovery flight.

With the mandatory and early retirement of airplane pilots, this career field is in high demand. According to [CBS News](#), “one government estimate projects a shortfall of 18,000-

plus pilots each year for the next decade.” The current shortage began long before the pandemic, and airlines now desperately need new educated aviation professionals to join their teams.

As one of a few faith-based and FAA part 141 [collegiate aviation programs](#) in the region, Jessup University aims to inspire and equip a new generation of pilots. Conducive for year-round flying, California weather offers stunning views of the often snow-capped Sierra Nevada mountain ranges.

“The FAA grant offers opportunities for teens to experience flight and learn about the great career paths awaiting them,” shared Loo Y. Ng, Lt Col, USAF (Ret.) and Jessup’s Lead Faculty for Aviation and AFROTC. “It will also provide students with a close look at Jessup University Aviation, a degree program designed to fulfill the goals and desires of future aviators.”

Anchored to the belief that faith and knowledge are not at odds, Jessup shapes people of influence through experiential learning, spiritual formation, and critical thinking—all within a welcoming community and personalized education experience.

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Flight simulator training at Jessup University

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