



# BOEING EMPLOYEES'

FLYING ASSOCIATION

Membership Information



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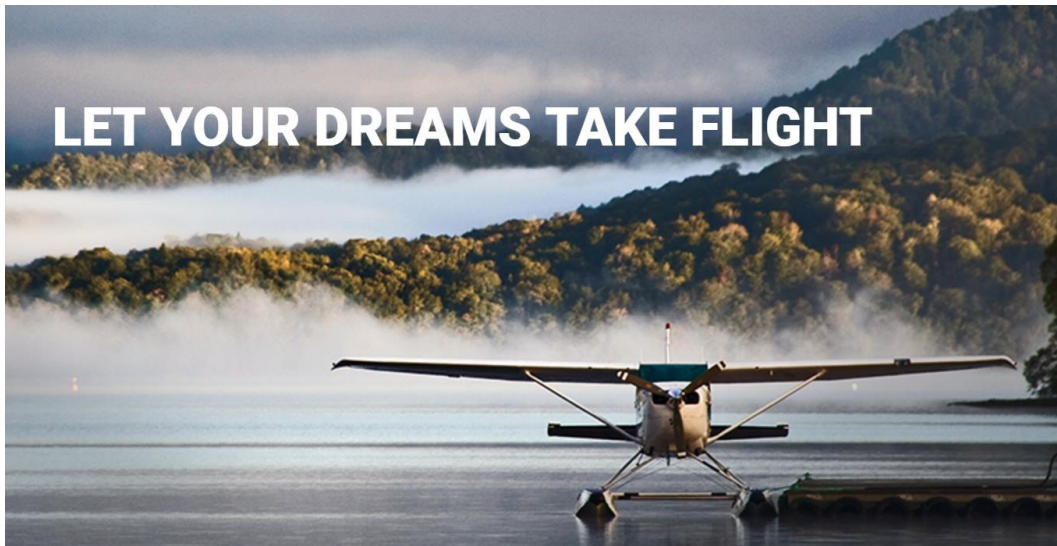
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***Note: In the event of any conflict of information, the “BEFA Procedures Manual and Rules of Operation” document takes precedence.***

## **WELCOME!**

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### **BEFA**

The Boeing Employees' Flying Association (BEFA) is incorporated in the State of Washington as a non-profit corporation. BEFA's purpose is to foster, promote, and engage in all aspects of flying for Boeing employees, their families, and others permitted by the Bylaws.

### **Facilities**

BEFA facilities are located at Renton Municipal Airport, and at Paine Field, Everett.

Members have 24/7 access to both facilities with a computer-based scheduling system for their flying needs. The Renton office is staffed 6 days a week, Monday through Friday 10-6PM and Saturday 8:30-4:30PM. The Everett facility has limited staff support.

### **Scheduling of Flight Time**

It is the objective of the BEFA reservation system to provide fair and equitable access to our fleet for all members. Reservations may be made up to 9 days in advance. Cross-country time and Check rides are exempt from the nine-day rule with Staff assistance.

### **Membership**

There are 6 different categories of membership as follows:

Participating, Family, Affiliate, Associate, Guest, and Service.

## MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

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### Participating Members

**Participating Members are current Boeing badge holders.** They will own an interest in BEFA property holdings through a share purchase which includes voting rights.

Participating Memberships shall be open to the following:

- Boeing employees and retirees
- Boeing interns
- Suppliers/Vendors and Government representatives assigned to The Boeing Company that possess a current Boeing badge.
- CFIs approved by the Board of Trustees to instruct at BEFA.

### Affiliate Members

Affiliate Membership is offered to current Boeing badge holders who are in the area for temporary Boeing business of 6 months or less. Affiliate Membership may be extended in 6 month increments with Board approval. A \$200 Membership fee is required for each 6 months of participation. Affiliate Members do not own an interest in the Association's property holdings and do not cast a ballot concerning BEFA matters. Affiliate Members may convert to a Participating Membership should their assignment status change. A Membership share purchase is required. The \$200 Affiliate Membership fee does not apply toward the Participating share purchase.

### Family Members

***Spouse, domestic partner, parents, stepparents, children, stepchildren, siblings, and dependents*** of Participating Members are eligible for Family Membership. Family Members do not own an interest in BEFA property holdings and are not eligible to vote.

The Participating Member who sponsors a Family Member need not be a pilot and can be a "non-flying" member and is not required to pay dues and insurance for him/herself when a Family Member maintains a dues-paying status. The Participating Member is eligible to vote in BEFA matters. Two applications shall be submitted. One for the Participating Member (Boeing badge holder), and the second application is for the Family Member.

Family Member applicants, who are not IRS dependents of Participating Members, are subject to a one-time background check, and are responsible for the cost of the background check. Applicants whose (current/previous) residency is out of county, Washington state, or U.S. may be charged an additional fee.

### Associate Members

The owner(s) of aircraft leased to BEFA are eligible for Associate Membership, but do not purchase a share, nor own any interest in BEFA property holdings. Associate Members enjoy the same privileges (except voting), and considerations as other members.

Associate Members may be in flying or non-flying status. If in flying status, they pay monthly dues and insurance, have access to BEFA aircraft including their own, and pay the applicable hourly rate for all BEFA aircraft, including their own.

Associate Members may become Participating Members if they qualify under BEFA Bylaws.

The cost of Associate Membership is \$100 initiation fee (non-refundable) paid to BEFA upon membership approval. A one-time background check is required, and the applicant shall be responsible for the cost of the background check. Applicants whose (current/previous) residency is out of county, Washington state, or U.S. may be charged an additional fee.

## **Guest Members**

Guest Memberships are available to the public.

Guest Members shall contribute an amount equal to the cost of a share appropriate to their flying class and will own an interest in BEFA's property holdings but shall not cast a ballot regarding BEFA matters.

***Guest Memberships are limited and may not be available. If slots are unavailable, a waitlist is offered.***

Upon BEFA Staff invitation, the wait-listed Guest will submit a completed BEFA application.

An interview will be scheduled on a mutually agreed date/time.

A one-time background check is required. The applicant is responsible for the cost of the background check at the time of interview. Applicants whose (current/previous) residency is out of county, Washington state, or U.S. may be charged an additional fee.

## **Service Members**

Service Membership is offered to select volunteers and BEFA contractors (e.g., our maintenance providers) to provide the insurance and legal protection of membership when deemed appropriate.

There are no costs associated with this membership. It is, in most cases, a non-flying membership.

## **Leave of Absence (LOA)**

Members may take a Leave of Absence from Active Flying Status for various reasons and duration.

Some LOA requests are subject to a 12-month minimum.

LOA members will pay \$25 per month to maintain their membership.

***See BEFA's Rules of Operation for requirements.***

## MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION

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There are three classes of Participating Membership.

**Class I Student Pilot:**

Class I Member flies C150/C172 or equivalent airplane. When a Class I Member becomes a Rated Pilot, the member must upgrade his/her share to Class II. The upgrade share cost will be the difference between a Class I and Class II share cost.

**Class II Rated Pilot:**

Class II Member flies all airplanes except Float Plane, Complex/High-performance, and Cirrus.

**Class III Unrestricted Pilot:**

Class III Member flies all airplanes with no restriction when his/her logbook is appropriately endorsed by a BEFA Instructor.

**Notes:**

1. *Foreign Nationals must receive TSA approval prior to flight training.*
2. *Visit [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov) for more information.*

## MEMBERSHIP COST

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Participating & Guest Membership - Cost Summary	Class I	Class II	Class III
Membership Fee (Student/Rated/Unrestricted Pilot)	\$550	\$650	\$750
Initiation Fee	\$100	\$100	\$100
Monthly Dues & Insurance	\$135	\$135	\$135
<b>Membership Total</b>	<b>\$785</b>	<b>\$885</b>	<b>\$985</b>

*Non-flying Participating Members:* Initiation Fee, and monthly dues and insurance are not required when an Activated Family member is flying.

Cost Summary	Family	Affiliate	Associate	Service
Membership Fee ( <sup>1</sup> <i>Affiliate, every 6 months</i> )		\$200		
Initiation Fee	\$100	\$100	\$100	
Monthly Dues & Insurance	\$135	\$135	\$135	
<b>Membership Total</b>	<b>\$235</b>	<b>\$435</b>	<b>\$235</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**Dues/insurance for all flying members is \$135 per month.**

## AIRCRAFT RATES

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Most BEFA aircraft rates are charged by "Hobbs Hours".

A Hobbs meter runs when the engine is started and stops at engine shutdown.

**Sample aircraft rates are shown below.** Rates fluctuate up or down with changing fuel cost. The official aircraft rental rates for the month are published in the BEFA monthly newsletter and on the BEFA website. Aircraft rates include all gas and oil, otherwise known as "wet" rates.

### Ex: April 2025 Aircraft Rental Rates

No. of Aircraft	Make/Model	Rate (Hobbs Time) before tax
1	Redbird FMX Simulator	\$51
2	Cessna 150	\$149
1	Cessna 152	160
4	Cessna 172	\$176
10	Cessna 172SP	\$192
1	Cessna 172XP Float	\$286 (Tach)
1	Top Cub CC18	\$190
1	CIRRUS SR20	\$228
1	Cessna 182Q	\$244
1	Cessna 182RG	\$237
2	RV-12is	\$177
1	Cessna T210	\$298 (Tach)
1	DA42	\$371

*Fleet changes are made in response to membership needs. Rates are periodically adjusted by the BEFA Board of Trustees.*

Aircraft rates do not include instructor fees. Instructors are independent of BEFA and establish their own rates. Typical fees range from \$70-\$90 per hour. Members select and fly with a BEFA instructor from the BEFA approved CFI list. Non BEFA Approved CFIs are not permitted to instruct in BEFA aircraft.

*Washington State sales tax is collected on Standard non-training flights and pilot supplies.*

*Training flights with a CFI onboard and Monthly dues/insurance are not subject to tax.*

*Washington State sales tax is collected on Training-Solo flights, which Category is used when no CFI is onboard.*

## AIRCRAFT INSURANCE COVERAGE

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BEFA's aircraft are protected by owner's insurance. For our members' protection, BEFA carries insurance with liability limits of \$2M per occurrence. This liability coverage applies to bodily injury (including passengers) and property damage. The physical damage ("hull coverage") covers actual damage to an aircraft, less any deductible.

## **BENEFITS IN JOINING BEFA**

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### **Top Level Flight Instruction**

Quality training at BEFA is assured through its experienced flight instructors, long standing curriculum of choice (Jeppesen) and standardized evaluation system monitored by BEFA's Safety Officer.

Flight instruction is provided for all ratings from Private through ATP. BEFA also offers SES (float) training, and use of the float plane outside the local area without an instructor on board. A privilege generally not offered by most FBO's.

Training within the Seattle/Boeing Field/Renton/Everett area prepares pilots to fly into small and large, controlled, and uncontrolled airports with complete confidence. Flying in Western Washington broadens pilots' exposure to most types of weather and more challenging terrain than they would find in many other training environments.

### **Well-maintained Fleet**

BEFA maintains a large, diverse fleet of modern, well-equipped aircraft to suit the flying needs of our members ranging from a Cessna 150 through high performance/complex. The list also includes a float plane, an aerobatic Super Decathlon, and various training simulators.

Many aircraft are BEFA owned, but also allows for leased equipment.

### **BEFA is Sensitive to Pilot Costs**

- BEFA Members receive discounts on Jeppesen charts and Foreflight products when placing an order directly via the link at BEFA.org → Members Only Login

### **Extended Cross-Country Flights**

Extended cross-country flights (over 150 nautical miles or greater than 24 hours) can be scheduled up to two months in advance with BEFA Staff assistance.

### **Aerobatic/Tailwheel Training**

Aerobatic/Tailwheel Training is available for those pilots looking for a new challenge.

### **Instrument Pilot Training**

BEFA pilots gain unique flight experience and knowledge of the ATC environment. BEFA IFR aircraft are equipped with modern avionics.

### **Ground Schools**

Private Pilot and Instrument Ground School courses are offered throughout the year. Boeing employees may receive course vouchers from Boeing LTP. Students who are not Boeing employees may attend these courses at cost.

Ground School Registration is provided through Renton Technical College (RTC) and classes are held at BEFA in Renton **or** through Everett Community College (ECC) held at ECC in Everett or Zoom.



## **Membership and Board Meetings**

Membership meetings are scheduled periodically to offer various training and information opportunities, such as safety meetings, demonstrations, workshops, and other aviation related topics. All members are invited to attend the monthly Board of Directors meeting every third Wednesday of the month.

## **Social Events and Other Activities**

Throughout the year social events and activities are held. These include an Annual Membership Meeting/Crab Feed, Bath & Barbecues, Holiday Potluck, Member Fly-Outs, Movie Nights, and other activities.

## **Restoration Projects**

Members are encouraged to join in aircraft projects such as: the rebuild of the Citabria, the restoration of our Cessna 172, N78440, and most recently interior upgrades on our Cessna 150, N704RY and Cessna 182, 735LH.

## **Aircraft Preventive Maintenance**

**V**olunteer your time with the BEFA Crew which performs preventive maintenance authorized by the regulations every Thursday evening in the Renton hangar. This work is supervised by a Certified Airplane Mechanic.

## PRIVATE PILOT TRAINING & LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

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To obtain a Private Pilot Certificate, the FAA requires the applicant to hold at least a Third-Class Medical Certificate and pass the knowledge and practical tests.

The FAA requires an applicant to have the following minimum flight experience:

40 hours of flight time to include:

- 20 hours of flight training from an authorized instructor
- 10 hours total solo flight training (5 hours of cross-country)

*Most pilots will require more than the FAA minimum hours of flight time to complete the rating.*

*The national average is about 76 hours.*

The cost for obtaining the Private Pilot Certificate through BEFA based on 60 tach hours of flight time can vary, but can be estimated to be approximately:

* 60 tach hours flight time in a C172@ \$193/hour	\$11,580
* 30 hours dual instruction @\$70	2,100
* Membership, Initiation Fee & Advance Dues (Class I)	785
* FAA Exams	900
Estimated Total Cost in C172	<u>\$15,365</u>

\*Unforeseen events can extend the flight time required.

\*No allowance was made above for the following:

- flight lesson frequency schedule
- Private Pilot Ground School
- possible weather delays
- aircraft in maintenance
- student adaptation to the flight environment
- membership/dues
- miscellaneous pilot supplies

# BOEING FLIGHT TRAINING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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The Boeing Flight Training Incentive Program offers support for Boeing employees!

- (1) The **Education Assistance (EA) Program** provides aviation education and flight training opportunities for **IAM-represented hourly employees**.

Active eligible IAM employees receive reimbursement and must apply for as well as receive an Education Assistance voucher prior to a ground school class start date and/or attending flight training.

- The IAM/Boeing Joint Programs (JP) Education Assistance Guidelines state tuition and the cost for required books / supplies are reimbursed for Flight Training Ground School.
- BEFA is an approved vendor for flight training in the Approved Education Assistance Vendor List. Employees will be reimbursed for the following ratings given by BEFA: Private, Instrument, Commercial, Sea Plane, CFI, and CFII.

Details of how to apply as well as the costs that are **or** are not covered under the IAM/Boeing Joint Programs (JP) are online: <http://www.iam-boeing.com/ea.shtml> .

- (2) The **Learning Together Program (LTP)** provides education benefits for **salaried union and non-union Boeing employees**. This program provides financial reimbursement to help offset the costs of flight training so that Boeing employees will have the opportunity to learn to fly.

For additional details, contact your Boeing Education Assistance Program or the Learning Together Program.

## HOW TO JOIN BEFA

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1. Go to <http://befa.org>.
2. Navigate to "How to Join".
3. Become familiar with BEFA's "Procedures Manual and Rules of Operation", and "Bylaws".
  - a. Fill out the **Membership Application** online and print out OR come into BEFA for a blank copy. Submit your application to BEFA staff in person. ***If you have a Boeing Badge, BEFA staff will need to physically see it to verify employment.***
  - b. ***The Boeing Company does not allow copies of badges.***
4. BEFA Orientations are offered to new members to become acquainted with the organization and procedures. BEFA staff will provide the information.
5. The BEFA instructors list is available to Members.
6. Guest Member candidates will initially be placed on the Guest Waitlist if necessary.