

Cost Breakdown to Becoming an Airline Pilot

Private Pilot License: \$15,000

Instrument Rating: \$14,000

Flight time to acquire a Commercial Pilot License: \$20,000

Commercial Pilot License: \$7,000

Multi Engine Rating: \$7,000

Instructor Rating: \$9,000

Airline Transport Pilot Rating: \$90,000

Pilot Equipment: \$7,000

Training Material: \$7,000

Multiple FAA Exams: \$6,000

Total cost: \$103,000

That's without college education. Throw in a college degree starting at a community college and transferring to a state university for the bachelor's degree and you're looking at another \$60,000 over 4 years.

For those recent high school graduates looking to become an airline pilot, there are many universities across the country that have a Professional Pilot Bachelor of Science degree. In these programs you get a 4-year degree and all the flight training to become an airline pilot with an airline job as a pilot waiting for you after graduation. All this is funded through grants, government student loans and scholarships, just like a regular 4-year degree.