



Student Application (due Sept. 20th)

Flight Across America Student Program 2017: Wyoming Public Lands Initiative: Wilderness Study Areas Diversity, Compromise and Bipartisan collaboration in a time of Partisanship

October 9-10, 2017

EcoFlight's Flight Across America program dynamically informs college students about environmental issues from a broad range of perspectives. Combining flight time in the field with education on the ground, participants learn to better understand complex landscape issues, viewing them from both the all-encompassing aerial perspective and the close-up and personal on-the-ground experience. The FLAA program engages students in critical thinking as they explore the complexities of public lands management.

EcoFlight will provide opportunities for college students to explore Wyoming's wilderness study areas (WSAs) both from the unique aerial perspective and ground-based tours in a 2-day intensive educational experience through 7 counties, learning about the diversity of our public lands, and the challenges to managing and protecting them. Using small airplanes, students will understand the landscape of WSAs and surrounding areas from the air, meet with citizens who represent the interest of energy developers, conservationists, ranchers, hunters, outfitters, hikers and snowmobilers. College students will also meet with high school students to share their experiences, and discuss how youth can engage in protecting their public lands.

Participants will travel over spectacular, often-times remote areas in low-flying aircraft. Aerial observation is a unique and powerful way to understand ecological geography. Students will also have the chance to meet with experts on the ground and ask hard-hitting questions. Finally, the program is a great place to meet other passionate students to share perspectives.

The Flight Across America program is time and energy intensive. Applicants should be prepared to expect a fast-paced two days. The goal is to provide a fulfilling experience while having fun. The program begins and ends in Rawlins, WY. **Meals and lodging and program expenses are provided, but students must arrange their travel to and from Rawlins, WY.**

Applicants must honor the high standard of time commitment, participation, and follow-up set by EcoFlight and the Flight Across America staff. Admission to the program requires the completion of mandatory readings before the program begins, maintained focus and engagement throughout the program, and the submission of a written article to a local newspaper or magazine publication within one week of the program's end. Other publication media—photography, videography, and audio production—will also be accepted. Students may be eligible to receive course credit with their accredited institutions. We appreciate your application!

To learn more, visit: <http://ecoflight.org/issues/info/Student-Education/>

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Personal Information:

Name: _____

Age: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parents Names & Mailing Addresses (emergency contacts):

University Information:

University/ Program: _____

Major/Minor: _____

Sponsoring Professor (faculty staff who can sign off on the program if you need that – you may need permission to miss class and get credit for going on the trip.) _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Essay Questions:

Please attach a 1-2 page essay that addresses the following:

- a) What is your background?
- b) What do you think are the biggest issues on public lands today?
- c) What interests you about the aerial perspective?
- d) What will you contribute to the program and what do you wish to gain?
- e) Do you have any experience with publication or media expertise? (not a requirement)

Please complete and submit this application to michael@ecoflight.org
Contact EcoFlight at (970) 429-1110 with any questions.