



THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW TO BECOME A FLY-GIRL OR FLY-BOY

INSIDERS CHECKLIST

NO SCAMS HERE!



You do NOT have to attend or pay for flight attendant training school. Most airlines will train new hires in their own training program that can last from four weeks to eight weeks based on airlines.

INSIDE SCOOP: THE CARRIERS



We all know of and usually want to work for the top three US "mainline" carriers (American, Delta and United), but there are various options like charter, regional and international carriers. Each of these type of carriers offer variant benefits and opportunities to work as a flight attendant. Consider all options when applying.

SECURITY CLEARANCE



Becoming a flight attendant requires the utmost security clearance. Most airlines review and consider 10 years of background history. The following offenses may, and often times disqualify a candidate. Note this is a small list of offenses and vary by carrier:

- Certain crimes committed on board an aircraft or airport
- Unlawful possession, use, sale, distribution, or manufacture any violations of a controlled substance
- Aggravated assault
- Aggravated sexual abuse or rape
- Unlawful possession, use, sale, distribution or manufacture of an explosive or weapon
- Armed or felony unarmed robbery
- Felony violations including theft, burglary, fraud, destruction of property



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THE HISTORY OF YOU:

Employment and resident history is just as important as your criminal background. If you have an extensive employment history, have all your information including jobs and previous addresses available going back as far as 10 years.



GET YOUR PASSPORT READY: YOU ARE GOING FOR A RIDE!

Start the passport application process. While you don't have to have your passport to apply; the question is asked on all employment applications. Most airlines require you to have when starting training and some when attending the face to face interview. Getting a passport can take some time and if you don't want to pay rush fees you should get one sooner than later.



YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL!

Long gone are the days of special physique "beauty characteristic" of age, weight and other discriminatory factors. However, most airlines require candidates to meet a minimum height requirement of 5'0" without shoes to reach the overhead bins comfortably. Some airlines max the requirement at 6'0" for the smaller aircrafts. Flight attendants must be able to sit in an assigned jump seat with seatbelt and harness fastened.

Personal professional grooming is of the utmost importance. Hair must not be in oddly designed or colored. Flight attendants must not have visible tattoos. Some airlines allow cover up methods like makeup or bandages, while most do not. So if you have a tattoo sleeve and purple hair; you may want to reconsider.