## Flying High in the Big Texas Sky

Imagine a job where you can choose the best course of action, where you can use your specific training in the industry you choose, and where you can lead your own crew. Imagine sitting in the Captain's chair, piloting your own jet. Whether a commercial jet, cargo plane or helicopter, your dreams of piloting your own aircraft can become a reality in Texas, where you can "fly high in the big Texas sky."

## What to Look for in a Flight School

If piloting a plane or becoming a flight instructor in the Lone Star State sounds exciting, you might want to investigate flying lessons in the Conroe, Texas area. There are many things to consider when selecting a flight school. Here are some questions to ask yourself while you're conducting your research:

- Will the school's training allow me to become certified for the type of aircraft I want to fly? For
  example, the educational track and certification for a helicopter will be different than a
  commercial jet, etc.
- What kind of time commitment is involved for me to become a pilot?
- How much will my training cost?
- Can I get paid to instruct students while I am still learning?
- What opportunities will I have to become a first officer and then advance to senior ranks?
- Is the school affiliated with a local college so that I can obtain an aviation degree?
- How long has the school been operating?
- Does the school have a good reputation?
- What is the philosophy and history of the school?
- What are the educational qualifications of the instructors?
- Does the school offer a cookie-cutter learning track, or are there opportunities to be challenged?
- Does the school provide housing or is there reasonable housing nearby?
- What organizations is the school affiliated with that might help me acquire an internship or post-graduate job opportunity?

## **Common Entrance Requirements for Flight School**

You should always check with the individual school(s) you are considering, but below is a short list of common entrance requirements for flight schools. In general, you should:

- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Hold a high school diploma.
- Possess U.S. Citizenship or an F-1/M-1 VISA, or achieve permanent U.S. resident status.
- Pass a Transportation Security Administration background check.
- Speak, read and understand English.

You can find more information on flying lessons in Conroe, Texas on the Internet.

## **Summary**

Attending flight school can you give you the career freedom to fly your own aircraft, instruct others and achieve senior rankings that will allow you to command your own crew.