



VIRGINIA AVIATION BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

*The Voice of
Business
Aviation in
Virginia*

Our Mission

The VABA is a 501(c)6 non-profit organization committed to represent, develop, and support all aviation businesses in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Since its inception, the VABA has provided a unified voice for businesses involved in aviation in general



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Student Membership



As a VABA Student Member, you will gain access to:

- **Advocacy and Leadership:** Opportunities to serve on the Student Advisory Board and represent students in discussions with industry leaders
- **Networking and Development:** Connect with professionals, participate in workforce development programs, and engage with the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Council
- **Scholarships and Events:** Access scholarship opportunities and take part in events like Aerospace Day and the VABA Legislative Reception
- **Communications and Contributions:** Present to the Virginia Aviation and Aerospace Caucus and contribute to the Virginia Monthly Flight Plan eNewsletter
- **Exclusive Resources:** Stay informed through the VABA Newsletter and other updates

To qualify for a free annual student membership, applicants must:

- Be a Virginia resident
- Be under 25 years old at the start of enrollment
- Be currently enrolled or planning to enroll in an aviation or aerospace educational program

Submit Your Application Today

Visit www.thevaba.org/membership and click the **JOIN VABA NOW** button to become a member today.

**The student membership and Student Advisory Board are recent additions to the VABA and we are working to expand benefits and participation options*



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The VABA In Action

ADVOACY

We actively advocate for policies that strengthen Virginia's aviation industry, including:

- Hosting Virginia's largest aviation and aerospace technology event to showcase businesses, schools, and airports
- Keeping Virginia's airports and flight training schools open during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Advocating for continued FAA use of the remote tower program at Leesburg
- Supporting FAA approval for UAS beyond visual line-of-sight flights
- Reviving the Virginia General Assembly Aviation & Aerospace Caucus (VGAAC) to promote aviation and aerospace growth, with weekly meetings during the General Assembly session

POLICY

We collaborate with elected officials, industry stakeholders, and policymakers to shape impactful legislation for our industry, including:

- Increasing funding for pilot and aviation maintenance technician training
- Advancing policies to establish Virginia as a leader in Advanced Air Mobility

LEGISLATIVE SUCCESS

We serve as your voice in the Virginia General Assembly, championing legislation that impacts our industry, including:

- Renewing the Aviation Parts and Supplies Tax Exemption (2018, 2022)
- Reducing Virginia's sales and use tax on aircraft purchases by 50%
- Enacting a lien law for unpaid maintenance and hangar fees
- Raising the annual takeoff and landing threshold for aircraft registration from 60 to 90 operations

WHY JOIN THE VABA?



Since 1946, the VABA has proudly advocated for Virginia's business aviation industry, maintaining strong relationships with legislators and policymakers. **As a student member, your involvement and support will help us continue our promotion of the aviation industry across the Commonwealth. By joining, you'll not only contribute to our mission but also help shape the future of aerospace as one of the next generation's leaders.** We invite YOU to join us!