

Light Sport Aviation by AtheneAir LLC- Estimated Costs for Private and Sport Pilot license. This is a good faith estimate as of August 2023

Based on Evektor Sportststar Max Light Sport Aircraft

Lower cost estimate below based on block rates of \$125/hr vs pay as you go of \$140/hr



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For Private Pilot License (PPL)- Description based on 40 hrs of training

Instructor Pilot (IP) costs	Number	Units	Rate	Costs	Notes
Online instruction	1	1 online class	250	250	Student led. Ideally complete before first 3-5 flights . Use Sporty's, King, or other online class at student discretion
Ground instruction	10	CFI hours	55	550	Varies depending on student.
Flight Instruction	30	CFI hours	55	1650	Minimum required (30 hrs with CFI). National averages at 50 hrs
Checkride Prep/Endorsement	3	CFI hours	55	165	
Subtotal	44			2615	
Aircraft Rental Costs					
Aircraft rental costs	40	Flight hrs	125	5000	Flat rate includes fuel. 30 hrs with CFI and 10 hrs solo. Assumes block rates of \$125/hr
Checkride rental costs	2	Flight hrs	125	250	
	42			5250	
				Total	7865 This is based on bare minimum of 40 hrs. Most people take 60 to 80 hrs to achieve PPL. See below
				Realistic total	11465 using 60hrs as avg, and block rate of 125 + 55 for CFI

For Light Sport Pilot License(SPL)- Description based on min 20 hrs of flight training

Instructor Pilot (IP) costs	Number	Units	Rate	Costs	Notes
Online instruction	1	1	250	250	Student led. Ideally complete before first 3-5 flights . Use Sporty's, King, or other online class at student discretion
Ground instruction	5	CFI hours	55	275	Varies depending on student.
Flight Instruction	15	CFI hours	55	825	Minimum required 15 hrs with CFI
Checkride Prep/Endorsement	3	CFI hours	55	165	
Subtotal	24			1515	
Aircraft Rental Costs					
Aircraft rental costs	20	Flight hrs	125	2500	Flat rate includes fuel. 15 with CFI and 5 solo. Assumes block rates of \$125/hr
Checkride rental costs	2	Flight hrs	125	250	
	22			2750	
				Total	4265 This is based on bare minimum of 20 hrs. Most people take 30 to 50 hrs to achieve SPL
				Realistic total	7865 using 40hrs as avg, and block rate of 125 + 55 for CFI

Incidentals	
Headset, Ipad, kneepad, and other hardware	\$1000-2000
DPE checkride fee	600-800
written test	175
medical certificate (for PPL-not LSA)	45
Student renter's insurance	80/yr