

**LifeLine Pilots' mission is to facilitate free air transportation through volunteer pilots for financially distressed passengers with medical/humanitarian needs. LifeLine Inc dba LifeLine Pilots is a 501 (c)(3) not for profit organization.**

### **Services Offered by LifeLine Pilots**

The need to seek the care of specialists at distant hospitals can be an overwhelming problem for families who are in financial distress. LifeLine Pilots provides a solution during a time of crisis. In general terms, we offer assistance to:

- Ambulatory patients in need of evaluation, treatment, or an operation at a distant medical facility, and cannot afford the cost of travel.
- Such flights are arranged well in advance of need. We also require a viable back-up plan in the event we are unable to fly due to bad weather or other unanticipated reasons.

While most flights are for medical purposes, we also conduct humanitarian flights. These may include, but are not limited to, transporting children with life threatening illnesses to medically-related camps; fulfilling patient's last wishes to visit family/home; transporting immediate family to provide support for someone in a distant hospital for recovery or final visit situations; and domestic abuse or rehabilitation situations that have been arranged by an agency and undergone an interview process similar to patients with mental health problems.

### **Who May Use the Services of LifeLine Pilots?**

While criteria differ for medical and humanitarian missions, some general rules apply to both:

- Flight recipients must demonstrate financial need, be unable to afford other means of transport, or immuno-compromised thus disallowing ability to be with large numbers of people;
- Mobility: Potential flight recipients and support passengers should be able to enter a small aircraft with little or no assistance and be seat belted in an upright position for the duration of the flight. Exceptions regarding mobility may be made for children able to be lifted, or adults accompanied by a support person who is able to lift the person in and out of the aircraft;
- Flight recipients and support passengers must be medically stable and able to fly in an unpressurized aircraft. We are not an air ambulance service and have no medical facilities or personnel on board;
- Understanding and willingness on the part of all passengers to fly in a small, 4-6 seat aircraft;
- Potential flight recipients or support passengers known to be combative will not be transported;
- Weight: is a crucial factor since each model of aircraft has a total weight limit;
- Advance Notice: We ask that flight requests be submitted early enough to allow for 3 business days between the receipt of completed paperwork and a potential flight departure. Exceptions to this will include emergency and return flight requests. We will attempt to fulfill all requests but short notice hampers our ability to find a volunteer pilot.

### **LifeLine Pilots' Pilots are Volunteers**

It is important to know that all of our wonderful volunteer pilots are caring and compassionate volunteers. They come from all walks of life. All of them are FAA-certified, have over 250 hours of Pilot-in-Command time, and are up to date in their certifications.

There is absolutely no charge to the patient or referring agency for a LifeLine Pilots flight. Our Pilots donate their time, aircraft, and flying expenses, including the cost of fuel, to allow this to occur.

### **Mission Requests**

LifeLine Pilots accepts inquiries and requests from health care and social service professionals, clergy, family members, and patients on our toll free line (800-722-7972).

### **Lifeline, Inc. dba LifeLine Pilots**

Suite 302, Byerly Terminal, Greater Peoria Regional Airport, 6100 W. Dirksen Parkway, Peoria, IL 61607  
Office: 309-697-6282 ☐ Office Fax: 309-210-9800 ☐ Mission Coordinator: 800-822-7972  
Web: [www.LifeLinePilots.org](http://www.LifeLinePilots.org)



## **New Pilots: Informational Sheet**

### **General Information:**

LifeLine Inc. dba LifeLine Pilots is a non-profit, 501 (c)(3) organization based in Peoria, IL .

Missions are broadcast by e-mail;

- Pilots need to check their e-mail at least every other day;
- If you do not have e-mail or if we are having difficulty filling a mission, we may call you directly;
- The average mission is 250-350 nautical miles one way;
- With few exceptions, flights will be for a patient/passenger and one support person;
- Most missions are of a medical nature but some may be humanitarian. These may include transporting a child with a life-threatening illness to a special camp, someone to see a dying family member, disaster relief, etc;
- Patient/passengers must meet certain mission criteria before they qualify for a flight. They must:
  - demonstrate financial distress with limited or no other means or funds for transportation;
  - have a Physician's Release for the flight;
  - be ambulatory, able to board an aircraft with little or no assistance;
  - be able to sit upright for the duration of the flight;
  - sign a General Release of Liability and Indemnity before we will consider their request for a Mission.

### **Pilot Responsibilities:**

As a Pilot, you will receive 3 forms by fax or email after you accept a mission:

1. Suggested Flight Plan - If you need to alter the Suggested Flight Plan, feel free to do so but PLEASE notify the mission coordinator immediately so we are fully informed.
  2. Day of Mission: Flight Authorization, Release of Liability and Indemnity form (2 pages) – to be filled out BEFORE the flight by both the patient and pilot and faxed or mailed to our office PRIOR to the flight.
  3. Mission Follow-Up Form – to be filled out by you AFTER the flight and faxed/mailed to LifeLine.
- If there are any problems with your mission, PLEASE CONTACT LIFELINE by calling the after hours phone number, (the number is located on the Mission Plan) and indicate any changes or problems on your Follow-up Form. Your comments help us improve our procedures and maintain accurate records.
  - Call the patient/passengers at least 24 hours prior to flight to verify the names and number of passengers going, departure airport and time. If any of this differs from Suggested Flight Plan, please contact a mission coordinator.
  - If the flight is more than one leg, call the link-up pilot to verify/coordinate time and place of link-up.
  - Patients/passengers are informed that cancellations occur due to weather, etc. If you cancel, please notify both the patient/passenger and mission coordinator immediately.
  - Safety is of the utmost concern for every mission. LifeLine would rather cancel than have a pilot fly in a potentially dangerous situation.

Thank you for becoming a LifeLine Pilot volunteer pilot. Feel free to contact our office or stop in anytime. We look forward to meeting you.

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▪ Mission Coordinator: 800-822-7972 ▪ General Office Phone: 309-697-6282 ▪ Office Fax: 309-210-9800

# **Volunteer Pilot Application**

Completed applications may be faxed back to  
309-210-9800 or mailed to: LifeLine Pilots

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Byerly Terminal, Suite 302  
6100 W. Dirksen Parkway  
Peoria, IL 61607

Office Phone: 800-822-7972



**LIFELINE PILOTS**  
the shortest distance between home and hope

Office Email: [mail@lifelinepilots.org](mailto:mail@lifelinepilots.org)

## **Qualifications for Volunteer Pilots:**

1. 21 years of age or older;
2. Must be current with a minimum of 250 hours of pilot in command time;
3. Submit a completed and signed application;
4. Provide proof of insurance with a copy of the declaration or certificate page;
5. Send a copy of most recent log book entry for BFR or wings phase;
6. Provide updated information whenever reportable changes occur such as loss of privilege, contact or aircraft insurance information;

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Title Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Pager: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone of Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Languages Spoken other than English: \_\_\_\_\_

Prefer to be contacted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot Certificate #: \_\_\_\_\_

PIC Flight Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Ratings: ASEL\_\_\_\_; AMEL\_\_\_\_; PVT\_\_\_\_; COM\_\_\_\_; ATP\_\_\_\_; IFR\_\_\_\_; CFI\_\_\_\_; CFII\_\_\_\_; Other\_\_\_\_

Date of Medical: \_\_\_\_\_

Class of Medical: \_\_\_\_\_

Available for (check all that apply) the following type of missions:

\_\_\_\_ Type I – Medical – transport of patients for direct healthcare plus tissue transport, etc.

\_\_\_\_ Type II – Humanitarian – transportation for caregivers exchanges, children to specialized camps, final visit for hospice situations, etc.

**Aircraft Information:**

Circle one: Own / Rent      Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_      Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Tail Number: N \_\_\_\_\_      Speed: \_\_\_\_\_ knots      No. of seats: \_\_\_\_\_      Useful load: \_\_\_\_\_

Wing type: \_\_\_\_\_      Boarding: \_\_\_\_\_      Pressurized: \_\_\_\_\_      De-Ice: \_\_\_\_\_

Based at: \_\_\_\_\_      FBO: \_\_\_\_\_      FBO Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Insurance:**

If you do not have Owner's/Renter's Liability Insurance, you can not fly for LifeLine Pilots. Please obtain Owner's/Renter's Liability Insurance and provide a copy of the Declaration page of Certificate of Insurance as verification.

**Name of Aviation Liability Insurer** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount of Liability Coverage:\$** \_\_\_\_\_      **Per seat limitation:\$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Important Notice:**

Have you ever been the pilot-in-command involved in a flying accident or incident?      Yes: \_\_\_ No: \_\_\_

Has your pilot's certificate ever been suspended or revoked?      Yes: \_\_\_ No: \_\_\_

**If you have answered "Yes" to either of the above two questions, you must describe the circumstances on a separate page and send a copy of any correspondence with the FAA or NTSB when you send this application.**

LifeLine, Inc. is a not-for-profit, 501 (c)(3), humanitarian agency chartered in Illinois in 1981. It operates as LifeLine Pilots, facilitating access to free air transportation for people in medical and financial distress on small, private aircraft for distant healthcare and other compelling human needs. All services are provided free of charge. It is understood that LifeLine Pilots can not assign a value for the operation of any aircraft for tax purposes. Please consult a qualified tax attorney or accountant on this matter.

As a volunteer pilot, I hereby certify that all the information on this form is correct, and I will hold LifeLine, Inc. dba LifeLine Pilots harmless from any and all liabilities, including but not limited to: liability for negligence, injury, or property damage. While LifeLine Pilots can only serve people in financial and medical need who meet its flight qualifications, the services of LifeLine Pilots are available to all regardless of race, religion, national origin, age, marital status, disability or medical problem. It is a privilege to serve as a LifeLine Pilot and I am aware that this privilege is subject to revocation. I will obey all Federal Aviation Regulations (FARS) and present a professional and courteous image when on all flights arranged by LifeLine Pilots. I will not accept any tangible goods, honorarium or gratuity from flight recipients or accompanying passengers.

I also certify that my aviation insurance policy is currently in effect and that I have liability insurance for my aircraft and/or includes my use of a rented or borrowed aircraft. Such insurance will be in effect when on all flights arranged by LifeLine, Inc. dba LifeLine Pilots.

Pilot's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about LifeLine Pilots?** \_\_\_\_\_

In addition to flying missions, many of our volunteer pilots serve in other capacities. Please indicate your interest:

- 1. Speaking at local organizations about LifeLine Pilots: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ We supply you with presentation material.
- 2. Keeping your FBO stocked with LifeLine Pilots' information: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Serving on the board or a committee: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Please stop by the LifeLine Pilots' office on the third floor of Byerly Aviation at PIA, Peoria, IL to meet the staff and view the operation first hand.**

***Thank You for Caring about Helping Others in Need!***