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Press Release: Sling Pilot Academy Launch and \$20,000 Scholarship

FIRST INDUCTIONS:

Sling Pilot Academy's initial induction of students in the Accelerated Airline Pilot Program is on Feb 15, 2019. We have been training pilots since 2012, but to meet the growing demand for pilots in the airline industry, we have launched an aggressive accelerated training program. Since regional airlines no longer require a 4-year degree, and since seniority is everything in the airline industry, Sling Pilot Academy endeavors to get students to the airlines as quickly and as cost-effectively as possible.

Wayne Toddun, partner of Sling Pilot Academy and the architect of the accelerated pilot program said, "This all started when I was looking for a school in LA with my son, Matt, and we weren't at all impressed with what we saw. Most of the aircraft were 30 or 40 years old and used old avionics. I knew the Sling guys and knew they had sexy, modern aircraft with the latest touch screen avionics (glass panels). I told them I would be happy to put together a business plan, come on as a partner, and that my son would be their first student! And because we are using modern efficient aircraft and we are the distributors, and service agents, our cost is lower so we pass those savings on to our students. We really believe we have come up with something special here because we have a superior training environment; we build, service and assemble planes giving students more experience, making them better pilots, and all at well under our competitors' cost.

On top of all this there has never been a better time to be an Airline Pilot. With the massive shortage of airplane pilots our graduates are in great demand and are earning up to \$80,000 in their first year as a pilot at a regional airline. When students then flow through to major airlines their earnings jump from over \$150,000 at the beginning to over \$300,000. In fact the regional airlines are so desperate for pilots right now they are paying signing bonuses of up to \$50,000.

Our goal is to set up our students with a great career and fantastic long-term earnings potential, without having to start out with a mountain of debt. Even without any flying experience students can be paid instructors with a commercial license within 9 months for under \$63,000. One common misconception is that flying is extremely difficult – most students are surprised that they are doing almost all of the flying after just 10 hours in an aircraft!”

\$20,000 SCHOLARSHIP:

Sling Pilot Academy is offering a \$20,000 scholarship to 1 lucky recipient who applies for the scholarship before August 5th, 2019. Application can be found and submitted at: www.slingpilotacademy.com

QUOTE FROM PREVIOUS GRADUATE:

“Learning to fly at *Sling Pilot Academy* was unmatched. It was an affordable environment that fast-tracked me to the airlines in a third of the time that it would take to complete a four-year degree program, and instruct at an expensive aviation university. After completing my flight training and building hours, I quickly landed my first airline job at Endeavor Air (a Delta Connection carrier). I was already building seniority and part 121 flight time to move onto the majors while I worked towards completing my four year degree online. Without a doubt, this is the way to get into an airline job as quickly as possible. I walked away from the experience without any student loan debt, and I was already years ahead of my friends who had opted to go the aviation university route. I encourage anybody who is pondering *Sling Pilot Academy* to reach out to me personally for any advice or recommendations on their future career goals.”

~**Vaughan DeHart**, Sling Pilot Academy (previously Sling Flying Club) graduate and airline pilot
Central Air Safety Committee, Vice-Chairman
FOQA Gatekeeper
Endeavor Air, ALPA

Sling Pilot Academy Accelerated Airline Pilot Program

<i>Starting From</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Time frame</i>
Zero Time	\$62,595	9 Months, full time, week days
Private Pilots License	\$45,595	6 Months, full time, week days

Sling Pilot Academy vs a 4 Year Aviation School

Sling Pilot Academy:

- Total training time is 9 months, then get paid immediately as an instructor
- Total time to work for a regional airline is approximately 2 ¼ years
- Cost of education is \$62,595 plus examiners fees of \$6,600

4 Year Aviation School:

- Total training time is 4 years, but flight hours logged are similar or less than Sling Pilot Academy log in 9 months
- Total time to work for a regional airline is approximately 5 years
- Cost of education is estimated at \$180,000 to \$200,000 or more
- With your degree you only need an additional 1,000 hours to move on to a regional airline

About Sling Pilot Academy

Sling Pilot Academy has been training pilots and preparing them for the airlines since 2012. In 2019 the Accelerated Airline Program was launched to get pilots from Zero to Commercial in 9 months and provide a path to gain flight experience for the airlines.

Where: Sling Pilot Academy is located at Torrance Airport (KTOA) in the greater Los Angeles area, 10 minutes from the beach.

How: Sling Pilot Academy uses Sling LSA's for training. These modern, efficient aircraft allow for safe and easy training. Aircraft have modern Garmin Glass Cockpits with traffic displayed for safety. Sling Pilot Academy is the sister company of The Airplane Factory, Inc – importer and distributor of the Sling.

Who: Sling Pilot Academy is owned by Wayne Toddun, Jean d'Assonville and Matt Liknaitzky.

Press Kit

Press kit including stock photos and videos is available at: <https://www.slingpilotacademy.com/press/>