

2026 Jump Start Important Date Sheet (Timeline)

Date(s)	Milestone	Action Items
June 15th	Program Launch	Publicly launch the Jump Start Program and begin accepting applications.
June 23rd	Information Session	Conduct a Jump Start and Ray Scholarship Information Meeting covering program expectations, application requirements, and scholarship opportunities.
July 1st	Jump Start (JS) Application Deadline	Jump Start Program applications close.
July 2nd	Board Review (JS)	The Board of Directors reviews Jump Start applications and selects recipients during the monthly board meeting.
July 3rd	Notifications (JS)	Selected Jump Start participants are notified of their acceptance.
July 6-25th	Program Prerequisites	Participants complete: • FAA Medical Certificate • Ground School • FAA Knowledge Test • Discovery Flight
Aug 1st	Ray Scholarship Opens	Ray Scholarship application period begins.
July 26-Aug 5th	Flight Training Phase	Participants complete three sponsored dual flight instruction lessons. Training should be completed within approximately 1.5 weeks whenever possible. Exceptions may be granted for weather, maintenance, scheduling conflicts, or other extenuating circumstances.
Aug 7th	Ray Application Deadline	Ray Scholarship applications close.

Aug 14th	Jump Start Program Completion	Jump Start applicants are required to submit their program reflections and the program is considered officially ended.
Aug 10-14	Ray Scholar (RS) Interview Selection	Ray Scholarship interview candidates are selected.
Aug 17-28	Ray Scholar Interviews	Conduct Ray Scholarship interviews.
Aug 28th	Ray Scholar Selection	The Interview Committee selects the Ray Scholarship recipient during the monthly board meeting.
Aug 29th	Notification (RS)	Selected Ray Scholar is notified.
Sep 17th	Public Recognition	Official presentation and recognition of the Ray Scholarship recipient at the monthly EAA Chapter meeting.