



Affordable Skies

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is Affordable Skies Coalition?

Affordable Skies Coalition is a national nonprofit representing air travelers. We advance the traveler perspective through research, education, and advocacy in aviation policy and industry discussions.

2. Why was Affordable Skies created?

For decades, airlines, airports, manufacturers, and labor groups have maintained strong representation in aviation policymaking. Individual travelers largely have not. Affordable Skies was created to ensure the traveler perspective is included in decisions that shape the full air travel experience.

3. Are you affiliated with any airline or political party?

Affordable Skies is independent and nonpartisan. We focus on practical solutions that benefit travelers and support competitive markets.

4. When was Affordable Skies founded?

Affordable Skies Coalition was founded in 2024 to address the growing need for consumer representation in aviation.



Membership & Community

5. Who can join Affordable Skies?

Anyone who flies or cares about the future of air travel can join - families, students, retirees, service members, frequent flyers, and aviation enthusiasts.

6. Is there a cost to join?

Membership is currently free. Optional leadership or supporting memberships help fund research, outreach, and advocacy.

7. What benefits do members receive?

- *Updates on aviation issues affecting travelers*
- *Surveys and opportunities to share experiences*
- *Invitations to events and discussions*
- *Educational resources*
- *Opportunities to help shape advocacy priorities*

8. What issues does Affordable Skies focus on?

- *Consumer protections*
- *Airfare affordability*
- *Aviation safety*
- *Flight reliability and delays*
- *Airline competition and access*
- *Infrastructure and modernization*
- *Overall traveler experience*



9. Do you lobby the government?

Although we meet with government agencies and elected officials to advocate for our members, we are not lobbyists. Affordable Skies engages in advocacy and education consistent with its nonprofit status. We provide input on legislation and regulatory matters, including issues related to consumer protection and safety, and work to ensure traveler perspectives are represented in aviation policy discussions. Our work centers around research, public engagement, and communication with policymakers and industry leaders.

10. How do you determine your positions?

Our positions are informed by direct feedback from our members, traveler surveys, independent research, and real-world traveler experiences. We evaluate issues through the lens of fairness, transparency, safety, and consumer impact before taking a public position.

Funding & Independence

11. How is Affordable Skies funded?

Affordable Skies is funded through donations, supporting memberships and mission-aligned partnerships. Financial support enables our work but does not determine our policy positions or advocacy priorities.

12. Is Affordable Skies a nonprofit organization?

Yes. We operate as a nonprofit 501(c)4 dedicated to serving the public interest.



13. How is Affordable Skies governed?

Affordable Skies Coalition is an independent nonprofit organization overseen by a Board of Directors and supported by an Advisory Council. Together, they provide strategic guidance and oversight to ensure the organization remains focused on strengthening the role of traveler voices in the future of aviation.

Support & Participation

14. How can I support Affordable Skies?

- *Become a member*
- *Make a donation*
- *Participate in surveys*
- *Become an Affordable Skies Ambassador*
- *Share your travel experiences*
- *Follow and share our work*

15. Can organizations partner with you?

Yes. We welcome partnerships that align with our mission of strengthening the role of traveler voices in the future of aviation. Partnerships do not influence our independent policy positions.

16. How can media or policymakers contact you?

You can reach us at info@affordableskies.org, or you may reach out through our official communication channels on our website.



Traveler Resources

17. Can Affordable Skies help with individual travel complaints?

While we are not a legal or dispute-resolution service, we provide guidance, resources, and information on traveler rights. We do not intervene in disputes or provide legal representation.

18. Do you provide travel deals or booking services?

No. Our role centers around research, education and advocacy - not selling travel.

19. How can I share my travel experience with you?

Members can submit feedback through surveys, forms, or direct contact. These insights directly inform our work.