



Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is Affordable Skies?

Affordable Skies works to strengthen the role of traveler voices in aviation through two separate nonprofit organizations. Affordable Skies Coalition, a 501(c)(4) social welfare and engagement organization, focuses on consumer advocacy and aviation policy. Affordable Skies Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, focuses on traveler education and research. Both share an interest in a safer, transparent, and accessible aviation system.

2. Why was Affordable Skies created?

For decades, airlines, airports, manufacturers, and labor groups have maintained strong representation in aviation policymaking. Individual travelers have had fewer opportunities to participate in these discussions. Affordable Skies was created to help ensure traveler perspectives are considered in decisions shaping the air travel experience.

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

Affordable Skies is independent and nonpartisan. We welcome constructive relationships with airlines, industry stakeholders, and other organizations, but our research findings, educational activities, and policy positions are guided by our respective missions rather than the interests of any individual partner or donor.

4. When was Affordable Skies founded?

Affordable Skies Coalition began operations in 2024 to address the need for stronger consumer representation in aviation. Affordable Skies Foundation was established subsequently in 2026 to advance traveler education and research.

Membership & Community

5. Who can join Affordable Skies?

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

6. Is there a cost to join?

While there is an option for free membership, optional supporting opportunities are also available (and renewable on an annual basis) to help sustain the organization's activities.



7. What benefits do members receive?

Members receive updates on important aviation issues, access to educational resources, invitations to events, and opportunities to directly share their experiences and contribute to discussions about the future of air travel.

8. What issues does Affordable Skies focus on?

Our areas of interest include consumer protections, factors impacting airfare, aviation safety, flight reliability and delays, airline competition and access, infrastructure and modernization, accessibility, and the overall traveler experience.

Advocacy & Research

9. Do you lobby the government?

Affordable Skies Coalition engages with policymakers, government agencies, and elected officials on aviation issues affecting travelers. Its work includes research, public engagement, policy recommendations, and advocacy. When appropriate, the Coalition may provide input on legislation and regulatory matters consistent with applicable laws and its 501(c)(4) status. This work is separate from the work of the Foundation which conducts charitable education and research activities consistent with its 501(c)(3) status.

10. How do you determine your positions?

Coalition positions are informed by member feedback, traveler surveys, research, and real-world travel experiences. Issues are evaluated in light of fairness, transparency, safety, and consumer impact before a public position is adopted. Foundation research and educational findings are developed independently of donor preferences.

Funding, Structure & Governance

11. How is Affordable Skies funded?

The Affordable Skies organizations seek support through donations, sponsorships, partnerships, and other mission-aligned contributions. Contributions to the Foundation support its charitable and educational purposes; support for the Coalition advances its social welfare and advocacy mission. Financial supporters do not determine research findings or policy positions.

12. Is Affordable Skies a nonprofit organization?

Yes. Affordable Skies Coalition is a 501(c)(4) social welfare organization focused on consumer advocacy and aviation policy. Affordable Skies Foundation is a separate 501(c)(3) charitable



organization focused on traveler education and research. Each operates under its own nonprofit purposes and legal requirements.

13. What is the difference between the Coalition and Foundation?

The Coalition focuses on consumer advocacy and engagement in aviation policy discussions. The Foundation focuses on charitable traveler education and research. The two organizations have complementary missions, but their activities, funds, and legal obligations must be managed separately.

14. How is Affordable Skies governed?

The Coalition and Foundation are separate nonprofit organizations, each governed by a shared Board of Directors. An advisory council contributes expertise and recommendations, while the boards retain responsibility for organizational governance and oversight.

15. Are donations tax-deductible?

Contributions to Affordable Skies Foundation are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law, subject to the donor's circumstances. Contributions to Affordable Skies Coalition are not deductible as charitable contributions. Donors should confirm the recipient organization and consult their tax adviser.

Support & Participation

16. How can I support Affordable Skies?

You can become a member, donate to the appropriate organization, participate in surveys, serve as an Affordable Skies Ambassador, share your travel experiences, or follow and share our work.

17. Can organizations partner with you?

Yes. We welcome mission-aligned partnerships with airlines, businesses, educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, and other stakeholders. Opportunities may include traveler education, research, events, community engagement, and aviation policy discussions. Partnerships respect each organization's independence and nonprofit purposes.

18. How can media or policymakers contact you?

Email info@affordableskies.org or use the official contact channels listed at www.affordableskies.org.



Traveler Resources

19. Can Affordable Skies help with individual travel complaints?

Affordable Skies is not a legal or dispute-resolution service. We may provide general educational information and point travelers toward resources on passenger rights, but we do not intervene in individual disputes or provide legal representation.

20. Do you provide travel deals or booking services?

No. Our work focuses on research, education, and advocacy, not selling or booking travel.

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

Members can share feedback through surveys, available forms, or direct contact. These insights help inform our research, educational activities, and advocacy work.