

SIA Sim Docs-Press Release Info

Congratulations on receiving your donation of a SIA Sim flight simulator!

Here are some facts about Students In Aviation (The SIA Foundation Inc) .

- SIA is pronounced "sigh ah"
- SIA stands for Students In Aviation
- SIA was founded in 2016 by Joe Canepa
- The SIA Foundation, Inc. is a Wisconsin based 501c3 charity
- SIA is a completely volunteer run organization
- SIA was founded by Joe Canepa in 2016. Joe is a commercial, instrument, multi-engine, flight instructor with advanced ground instructor ratings.
- 95% of its funding comes from Joe's company "Lynx Transportation Software" aka RYTE Byte, Inc.
www.StudentBusing.com
- Our website is www.StudentsInAviation.org
- Joseph H. Canepa, President joe@StudentsInAviation.org, Anastasia Eisen, Vice President anna@StudentsInAviation.org
- Latest news about SIA Sim recipients is located at <https://studentsinaviation.org/blog/> Please check it out and add your comments!
- SIA also provides a free online ground school for K-12 schools and students
- Several former SIA students are now working in the aviation industry
- As of February 2025 over 54 simulators have been donated to K-12 schools across the USA, \$30,000 in scholarships provided, and over 100 students trained with SIA's ground schools all at no cost to the students.
- SIA provides full flight training scholarships for students who qualify (presently in Wisconsin only, but we will be expanding)
- SIA also sells SIA Sims below cost should a school district want more than one simulator
- The first SIA Sim donated to any K-12 district that applies for one is always free of charge
- SIA has a full line of clothing if you're interested in setting up a "SIA" club. Caps, hoodies, t-shirts and polos
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SIA's main office is located at the Baraboo-Dells Airport (KDLL)

Our overall goal is to get students involved in aviation, regardless of economic status.

Primary goals of The SIA Foundation: Sims, Schools and Scholarships

1. Get SIASims flight simulators into schools across the US. This is the biggest bang for the buck. Students love these simulators! It gives them a chance to see what flying a plane is like without the expense of paying for a flight.
2. Provide educational materials and flight training scholarships for underprivileged students. We provide scholarships to students that are serious about a career in aviation. This is enough money for them to pay for flying lessons and to get them their private pilot certificate and on to their way of becoming a commercial pilot. We also provide ground schools to local students in southcentral Wisconsin, of course at no cost.
3. Foster communications with SIASim flight simulator users and local airports across the country. This gets existing pilots involved with teaching students at their local school district.

If you received a Gen2 SIASim:

- System is plug-and-play, turn it on, login and fly!
- Runs on Linux
- No network connection is needed
- The flight simulator software is Laminar Research's X-Plane 11 (same sim used by most airlines for flight training)
- Comes with yoke, throttle quadrant, rudder pedals and separate keyboard for autopilot and Garmin 530, 55 inch monitor and one free student pilot kit.

If you received a Gen3 SIASim:

- System is plug-and-play, turn it on, login and fly!
- Runs on Linux
- No network connection is needed
- The flight simulator software is Laminar Research's X-Plane 12 (same sim used by most airlines for flight training, updated graphics)
- Comes with yoke, throttle quadrant, rudder pedals and separate keyboard for autopilot and Garmin 530, 55 inch monitor and one free student pilot kit.

What the future holds for SIASim recipients:

Additional online training videos and documents for teachers and students

Learning materials for teachers/students on how to perform a flight just like the real world

Learning materials for teachers/students on how to build airfoils and aircraft

Higher-end simulators with more realistic controls

The sale of FAA Approved Basic Aircraft Training Device (BATD) to 3rd parties and pilots for home use. Funds will go back to help SIA purchase more SIASims for school districts.

Instructor Stations for failing components in the sim and teaching from a separate computer.

Ability to upgrade to the latest generation of simulators at no cost

Additional software to build airfoils and aircraft that can be used in the SIASim

Statewide competitions held at EAA's headquarters in Oshkosh for your top aviators