



**Lifestar Observer
Program
Application Packet**



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Purpose

The Lifestar observer program, an Air Methods Corporation community based helicopter program, is designed to provide a clinical learning experience for members of the health care community in the Lifestar service area. It will provide the opportunity to become knowledgeable in the operations and patient care provided in the air transport setting.

Eligibility

1. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age at the time of scheduled shift.
2. The candidate must be currently employed as an EMT-B, EMT-P, Firefighter, RN, or MD at a hospital or Fire department in the Lifestar service area.
3. Students will be considered on a space available basis.
4. Students of the Loyola EMS system CCEMT-P or TNS course.
5. Candidates must provide a letter of good standing and approval for participation in the observer program from their respective chief officer, manager, attending physician or clinical instructor with their application..
6. Candidates must not be pregnant, suffer from motion sickness or have any serious medical conditions that would preclude them functioning safely in or around the aircraft.
7. Due to the high demand for observation shifts you will be allowed to schedule only 1 shift per 12 months. The option to reschedule is available if your shift is cancelled due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

Please complete the enclosed application and return to Lifestar at the following address:

Lifestar
23810 County Farm Road
Joliet, IL 60431
OR Fax to Lifestar at 815-744-8609

Please include the following documents with your completed application:

1. Copy of valid driver's license or state issued ID card.
2. Letter of good standing and approval from your department supervisor on official letterhead (LUMC physicians are exempt from this requirement).
3. Copy of your applicable state license.

A Lifestar representative will contact you once we have received your application in order to schedule your observation shift.



Thank you for your interest in participating in the Lifestar observer program, an Air Methods Corporation community based helicopter program. During your observation time 100% compliance with the following policies and procedures is required. Failure to comply will result in immediate termination of the observation shift. If you have any questions during your shift please ask an on duty crewmember for clarification. Please call Lifestar crew quarters 815-744-8546 the evening prior to your scheduled observation to confirm your slot. Our address is 23810 County Farm Rd., Joliet, IL 60431

Lifestar Observer Program Policies & Procedures

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Dress code

- ◆ Participants must wear their duty uniform or khaki, black, or blue pants, and a solid Color polo type shirt of blue, black, or white. Please come prepared for the weather. Scrubs are not appropriate attire.
- ◆ Leather boots are preferred, if boots are not available, non-slip leather shoes that lace up are acceptable.
- ◆ Lifestar Observer badge will be provided and must be visibly worn.
- ◆ No unnatural hair color, facial or visible body piercing. Small earrings are acceptable.

Guidelines

- ◆ Please understand that this is an *observation only* program. At no time will an observer engage in patient care. At no time should you identify yourself as a representative of Lifestar.
- ◆ Please arrive at the Lifestar hanger promptly at 0600 as we will be expecting you. You will be allowed to fly until 1800.
- ◆ If you need directions, or need to cancel/reschedule your ride time please call the Lifestar crew quarters at (815) 744-8546.
- ◆ We do have a full kitchen available for you to use. Please bring either food or money with for ordering out.
- ◆ We suggest you bring something to keep busy during down time (book, study material).
- ◆ Please dress accordingly for the weather. Lifestar does not provide a jacket or gloves for you during inclement weather.
- ◆ Due to unforeseen circumstances there is a chance that you could be left at a hospital or scene if a weight issue or a 2 patient flight arises. You may need to call for a ride or take a taxi if other arrangements to pick you back up cannot be made. Always keep some money or credit card on you just in case!

Guidelines (cont.)

- ◆ You will not be allowed to go on a flight if it is a Neonatal or Children's Transport Team mission; or a Balloon pump mission due to weight and space limitations.
- ◆ The pilot has discretion to defer an observer on any flight deemed necessary without question. Their authority is final and made in the interest of safety.
- ◆ In the event that we are in a weather condition "red" due to inclement weather, or the aircraft is out of service for an extended period of time due to maintenance, you will be offered the opportunity to reschedule your ride along observation time.
- ◆ In the event you are a no call/no show you will not be allowed to reschedule for one calendar year.
- ◆ You will only be allowed to schedule 1 observation shift in a 12 month period if your Shift is completed as scheduled.
- ◆ You will need to bring a valid ID and proof of agency affiliation on the day of your observation. This is an FAA requirement, without an ID and proof of agency affiliation you will not be allowed to fly.

I _____, understand and agree to comply with Lifestar Observer program policies and procedures.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**AIR METHODS CORPORATION
RIDE-ALONG APPLICATION**

PLEASE FOLLOW DIRECTIONS BELOW:

1. Fill out application completely. Application and waivers must be received prior to Ride-Along. It is your responsibility to follow-up and confirm the class you have requested.
2. Applicant must be 18 years of age or older and ***may be eliminated from program based upon weight, aircraft performance, or PIC decision.***
3. A copy of current licensure should be submitted with application (if applicable).
4. You must be employed or volunteer for a public service entity or in a hospital setting.

NAME: _____ ORIENTATION DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ WEIGHT: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____ AGE: _____

AGENCY AFFILIATION: _____

PHONE (DAY): _____ EVENING: _____

NAME OF EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

PHONE (DAY): _____ EVENING: _____

What are your reasons for wishing to participate in the Ride-Along Program?

Ride-Along Signature

Date