



Flying Alone:

Parent Checklist for Unaccompanied Minors



Booking the Flight

- Call the airline to book as an unaccompanied minor
- Confirm your child meets the airline's minimum age requirement (usually 5+)
- Pay the unaccompanied minor fee
- Fill out the required authorization form



Before Travel

- ☒ Book a nonstop or through flight (required for younger travelers)
- ☒ Talk through the flight schedule and what to expect
- ☒ If your child takes medication, ask your doctor for guidance (staff can't administer meds)
- ☒ Help them pack a small carry-on with:
 - Copy of itinerary and ID
 - Small games, books, or activities
 - Charged device with headphones
 - Light snack
- ☒ Dress them in comfortable clothing
- ☒ Review behavior expectations and how to ask for help
- ☒ Remind them: You → Airline Staff → Pickup Adult



Departure Day

- Bring photo ID for both parent and child
- Check in at the ticket counter
- Receive a security pass to go to the gate with your child
- Check in at the gate and stay until the child boards (or until takeoff, if required)
- Child will board early to meet the crew



Arrival & Pickup

- Pickup adult must bring photo ID
- Check in at the counter, get a security pass, and go to the gate
- Show ID again to receive the child



Information gathered and adapted from:

U.S. Department of Transportation Aviation Consumer
Protection Division - Kids Fly Alone
([transportation.gov](https://www.transportation.gov))

Transportation Security Administration – TSA Pre-check
([tsa.gov](https://www.tsa.gov))