

### TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION AND FEES

Shuttle transportation to and from the Richmond Airport, Amtrak on Staples Mill Road and Greyhound will be available for all leave weekends. The fee for the shuttle is \$50.00 each way. The Shuttle will leave FUMA at 1:00 PM each leave Friday and will pick up students 5:30 PM on Sunday or Monday that leave ends. The shuttle will not take cadets to any other locations.

Transportation on different days or at different times will be considered **private hire** and the fee information follows:

DESTINATION	FEE	MILEAGE	MILEAGE FEE	TOTAL COST
Charlottesville Greyhound /Amtrak	\$45	68	\$37	\$82.00
Charlottesville Airport (CHO)	\$45	89	\$48	\$93.00
Richmond Airport (RIC)	\$50	127	\$67	\$117.00
Richmond Amtrak (Staples Mill Road)	\$50	106	\$57	\$107.00
Richmond Greyhound	\$50	106	\$57	\$107.00
Washington D.C. Dulles Airport (IAD)	\$100	236	\$127	\$227.00
Washington D.C. Reagan National (DCA)	\$100	265	\$143	\$243.00

### ESCORT SERVICE

Children who are underage, according to the airlines' rules, must be escorted to the ticket counter and through security by an adult whose name is provided to the airline by the parent. Per FAA regulation, a designated adult is required to remain at the terminal until the child boards the plane and until the plane takes off from the runway. Because of this regulation, cadets who require "unescorted minor" services must be transported to the airport by the escort, using Academy "private hire" transportation. This individualized service does result in a significant cost to the parent and varies depending on which airport is utilized (see the Private Hire Fees above.) In addition, the airline typically charges its own unaccompanied minor" fee. As of September, *United Airlines*, *Air Tran*, *Continental*, and *Southwest* require boys be at least 12 to fly unescorted. *Jet Blue* requires that they be 14 or older. *American Airlines*, *Northwest*, *Delta* and *US Air* require a child be at least 15 to fly without an escort. Please keep these age requirements in mind as you make plans for future flights for your son.

The parent of the child requiring “unaccompanied minor” services must provide the airline *advanced notice* of the name and phone number of the person escorting the minor through the airport and to his flight. The parent must also provide the airline the name and phone number of the individual who is meeting the child at the final destination. This information is provided when the parent contracts the airline for the “unaccompanied minor” service. Amtrak and Greyhound may have similar requirements. Please check with Greyhound bus line to determine if this is the case should you decide on bus travel for your son’s mode of transportation. (This does not pertain to the bus companies utilized by the academy to transport cadets directly from FUMA to a transportation hub.)

For times when scheduled transportation does not suit or individual transportation is required for escort, the academy will endeavor to hire a driver to make the trip (see the Private Hire Fees attached.) The cost of escort service is \$25.00 each way and will be charged to the cadet’s tuition account.

The buses which leave Fork Union for major leaves are chartered from *James River Bus Lines, Quick’s Bus Company* or *Winn Transportation*). Please note that the drivers of these chartered buses cannot leave their coaches to assist cadets in any way once the cadet departs the bus. The schedule of departure and arrival along with fees for each are printed on the Bus Schedule Form that follows. These forms are used for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring Break only.

Please contact the Leave Office if you have questions or need further information.

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