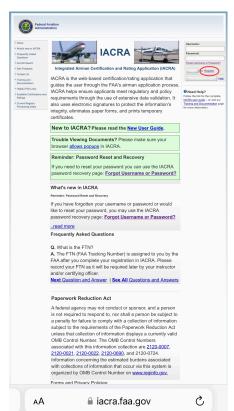# How to Get Started in Becoming a Student Pilot:

The first thing you will need to do is to get a _third class medical exam_ as well as a _student pilot certificate._
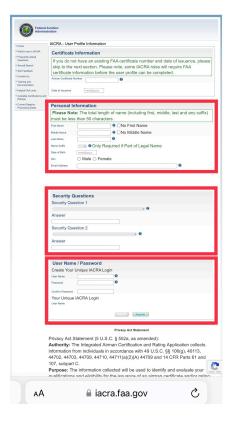
In order to find an **_aviation medical examiner_** near you, please follow this link:
https://www.faa.gov/pilots/become/student_cert

For the **_student pilot certificate_**, please click the following link and register for an account (see screenshots for instructions):
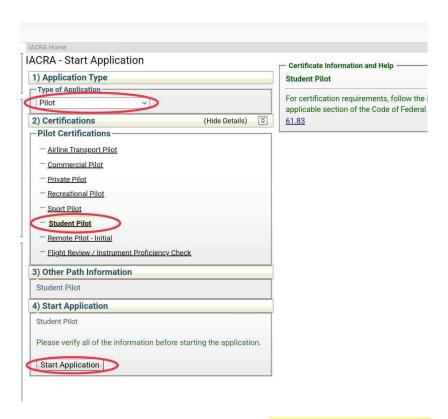https://iacra.faa.gov/IACRA/Default.aspx

Once that is all complete, log in with the account information you've created and then it will take you to a terms of service page. Agree to the terms of service and it will take you to a page that says "start application."

Click on "start application" and then click or enter the following information (screenshot). Make sure you enter all information (name, DOB, place of birth, etc.) exactly as it appears on your government issued ID.

After it's all complete, they will give you an application number and a verification number, also known as the FTN. *SAVE THIS INFORMATION!* It is VERY important so that your flight instructor can use the number to complete the application.

Once you have successfully completed all of the above steps, send an email to info@riseaeroacademy.com and please include your
    Name
    Application number
    FTN
    Phone number

From your friends at Rise Aero Academy, CONGRATULATIONS! You've completed the first step toward becoming a pilot!