



Major Airlines – Unaccompanied Minor

As noted across Adopteen’s website, our airport pick-up and drop-off service is contingent upon the camper’s ability to meet our volunteers outside and check-in on their own. This means that we unfortunately cannot provide this service to campers flying Unaccompanied Minor. We understand that this is an inconvenience – however, due to our reliance on volunteers and the number of out-of-state travelers, it is not possible to provide Unaccompanied Minor escort services.

Unaccompanied Minor is a service that all airlines require in some form for minors traveling without their parent/guardian. Generally the traveler will need to be accompanied to the departure gate by a designated guardian 18 or older, and cannot leave their destination gate until another guardian 18 or older arrives to pick them up. Adopteen cannot provide pick-up or drop-off services for these travelers, as they cannot meet us outside the airport and must be escorted through security at drop-off.

Please see below for a list of major US airlines (US Group III) and their unaccompanied minor (UM) policies, provided to assist you in choosing an airline that does not require Unaccompanied Minor.

Name	UM not Required
Alaska Airlines	Age 13 and Over
Allegiant Air	Age 15 and Over
American Airlines	Age 15 and Over
Delta Air Lines	Age 16 and Over
Frontier Airlines	Age 15 and Over
Hawaiian Airlines	Age 12 and Over
jetBlue	Age 14 and Over
Southwest Airlines	Age 12 and Over
Spirit Airlines	Age 15 and Over
United Airlines	Age 16 and Over
Virgin America	Age 13 and Over

Please note: Airline UM policies vary wildly, and do change at times. This information is accurate as of November 2017. Please confirm with your airline before booking that Unaccompanied Minor will not be required.

Also note: Most airlines will allow a traveler classified as a UM to fly without UM designation as long as they are traveling with someone that is above the UM age requirement, even if they are technically a minor and not a parent/guardian. If you are attending with a sibling or friend over the UM age requirement, check with your airline before booking to ensure that Unaccompanied Minor will not be required.

If you cannot book a ticket for an airline that does not require UM, please consider traveling with a parent or asking a relative/friend in the Camp-Conference host location to be your designated pick-up and drop-off guardian. If you cannot otherwise get to the Adopteen location because of UM status, contact us at info@adopteen.org – we can reach out to our community and see if there is anyone that can volunteer as your designated guardian. However, this is not guaranteed, so it is highly recommended that you do not book your airline ticket and do not register for the Camp-Conference until we confirm that you have a pick-up.