

Additional Partners Join Southwest's Destination 225° Program

Southwest is pleased to announce Advanced Airlines and SkyWest Airlines as the latest partners in the carrier's [Destination 225° Program](#). Named after the southwest heading on a compass, or 225°, the program is designed to guide professional aviators to Southwest Airlines via defined training and flight experience pathways.

"The ability to attract Pilots to Southwest via the partnerships with Advanced Airlines and SkyWest Airlines will bolster our opportunity to develop highly-skilled candidates for First Officer roles at Southwest Airlines," said Alan Kasher, Southwest's Senior Vice President of Air Operations. "Through the Destination 225° Program, combined with our traditional hiring methods, we're recruiting passionate, qualified, and well-trained aviators for the Southwest Team."

For more information on Destination 225° and other valued flying, academic, and training partners, please visit careers.southwestair.com/D225.

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[Southwest Airlines Co.](#) operates one of the world's most admired and awarded airlines, offering its one-of-a-kind value and Hospitality at 120 airports across 12 countries. Southwest took flight in 1971 to democratize the sky through friendly, reliable, and low-cost air travel and now carries more air travelers flying nonstop within the United States than any other airline(fn. 1). By empowering its more than 73,000(fn. 2) People to deliver unparalleled Hospitality, the maverick airline cherishes a passionate loyalty among more than 134 million Customers carried in 2025. Southwest leverages a unique legacy and mission to serve communities around the world including harnessing the power of its People and Purpose to put communities at the Heart of its success. Learn more by visiting Southwest.com/citizenship.

1. Based on U.S. Dept. of Transportation quarterly Airline Origin & Destination Survey as of Q4 2025
2. Fulltime-equivalent active Employees as of March 31, 2026

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