



GENERAL AVIATION AWARDS PROGRAM

- Aviation Maintenance Technician
- Avionics Technician
- Certificated Flight Instructor
- Aviation Safety Counselor

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Application Form

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GENERAL AVIATION & SAFETY COUNSELOR AWARDS PROGRAM

The General Aviation Awards Program is a cooperative effort between the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and aviation industry sponsors to annually recognize outstanding individuals in the fields of Avionics, Flight Instruction and Maintenance. In addition, the FAA annually recognizes outstanding individuals serving the national safety program as Aviation Safety Counselors. The awards highlight the important roles these individuals play in promoting aviation safety, education and professionalism. Winners will be locally, regionally and nationally recognized. They will also receive valuable gifts and merchandise provided by sponsors and contributors.

ELIGIBILITY

All candidates must have been actively working within their respective aviation fields for a minimum of five (5) years prior to application / nomination. Candidates must also hold valid FAA airman certificates appropriate to their respective fields if required. In addition:

- A) Aviation Maintenance Technician candidates must be actively working within the United States under FAR Part 65;
- B) Avionics Technician candidates must be actively working within the United States with an FAA certified Part 145 Repair Station;
- C) Certificated Flight Instructor candidates must be actively working within the United States under FAR Part 61, Part 141 or Part 142;
- D) Aviation Safety Counselor candidates must be actively involved in the FAA Safety Program within the United States.

Candidates will be judged based on sustained superior performance in their respective fields as well as specific accomplishments and contributions to aviation safety, education and professionalism.

APPLICATION / NOMINATION PACKAGE

The application / nomination package must include only the required components listed below. Any additional information will be disregarded. ***Missing required components may lead to disqualification.***

- The completed application / nomination form (2 pages) with supporting documentation for each activity listed (***please type or print legibly***)
- Photocopy of a government-issued photo identification document
- Photocopies of both sides of all FAA issued airman certificates and designations
- A 1- 3 page professional résumé
- A photograph and/or high-resolution JPEG/Bitmap image
- A list of awards and other recognition earned by the candidate in the last five years
- Three (3) letters of nomination/recommendation (1 or 2 pages) stating why the candidate is deserving of the award. The letters should be distributed in the following manner:
 - One (1) letter from a supervisor (employer, SPM, Chief CFI, DPE, etc)
 - One (1) letter from a peer or co-worker
 - One (1) letter from a client or student who is familiar with the candidate's work

PROCEDURES & TIMELINES

All applications / nominations will be submitted to the local Flight Standards District Office (FSDO).

- Timeline for Avionics, CFI & AMT candidates:** Received at the local FSDO by October 1st. FSDO winners will be forwarded to the nine regional FAA offices by November 15th. The nine regional finalists will be submitted to AFS-8 by January 1st. The national winners will be announced by March 1st.
- Timeline for Aviation Safety Counselor candidates:** Received at the local FSDO by August 1st. FSDO winners will be forwarded to the nine regional FAA offices by September 15th. The nine regional finalists will be submitted to AFS-8 by September 30th. The national winner will be announced by November 1st.

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APPLICATION / NOMINATION

_____ *Aviation Maintenance Technician*

_____ *Avionics Technician*

_____ *Aviation Safety Counselor*

_____ *Certificated Flight Instructor*

Candidate's name: _____
first middle last preferred name

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Work phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail(s): _____

Full-time employer: _____

_____ *company supervisor*

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Part-time employer: _____

_____ *company supervisor*

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Total years experience in the field: _____

Local FSDO: _____ Safety Program Mgr: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Nominator's name (*if appropriate*): _____
first middle last

Relationship to nominee: _____

Phone(s): _____ E-mail(s): _____

Affidavit

I hereby attest that all information submitted herein is true, correct and complete. I understand that any misrepresentation of facts may result in removal from award consideration. I authorize present and past employers, the Federal Aviation Administration and law enforcement agencies to disclose to representatives of the General Aviation Awards program information about me from the records in their possession, and to provide copies of that information as necessary.

Candidate's signature: _____ Date: _____

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List representative examples of your involvement in each the following activity categories and include supporting documentation for each example listed.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

(Work assignments, job responsibilities, instructional activities, research & development, media work, etc)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____

PRO BONO SERVICE TO THE AVIATION COMMUNITY

(Service on professional boards & committees, involvement in professional associations, mentoring others, youth activities [Scouts, Young Eagles, etc], AOPA Airport Support Network, EAA Technical Counselor, Aviation Safety Counselor, Civil Air Patrol, etc)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

(Additional certificates/ratings, college/technical school classes, industry seminars, safety seminars, etc)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: The purpose of this collection is to gather nominations for the annual Aviation Safety Counselor of the Year Award. Submission of this information is voluntary. We estimate that it will take 1 hour to complete the form, not including time required for gathering additional information, if necessary. There are no questions of a sensitive nature and there is no assurance of confidentiality. An agency may not conduct, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless that collection displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. OMB Control Number for this collection is 2120-0574

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PREVIOUS YEARS NATIONAL WINNERS

Certificated Flight Instructors

2005 - John Teipen
2004 - Doug Stewart
2003 - Jeff Edwards
2002 - Kirby Ortega
2001 - Phillip Poynor
2000 - Greg Brown
1999 - David Faile
1998 - J C Boylls
1997 - Jim Trusty
1996 - Lou Wipotnik
1995 - Lyn Carlson
1994 - William Huber
1993 - Kenneth Medley

Aviation Maintenance Technicians

2005 - Mike Branham
2004 - Gary Goodpaster
2003 - Tom Hendershot
2002 - Garry Conrad
2001 - Dwain Chase
2000 - Arthur Geissman
1999 - Harry Shannon
1998 - Gary Schandal
1997 - Leonard Beauchemin

1996 - Ralph Michalka
1995 - David Thissell
1994 - John Goglia
1993 - Anthony Saxton

Avionics Technicians

2005 - Charles Hanner
2004 - Keith Lewis
2003 - Al Ingle
2002 - Brady Terry
2001 - Brenda Olson
2000 - Robert Lenert
1999 - Daniel Derby

Aviation Safety Counselors

2005 – Michael Church
2004 - Walt Schamel
2003 - Maj Jim McDonald, USAF
2001 - Adrian Eichhorn
2000 - Hank Bruckner
1999 - Patrick Duncan
1998 - Michael Vivian
1997 - Johnny Summers
1996 - James Gardner
1995 - Ralph Park

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Cessna Aircraft Company
David Clark Company
Duncan Aviation
Electronic Flight Solutions
Embraer
Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
Flightcom
Frasca International
FLYING Magazine
GARMIN International
General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

Gleim Publications, Inc.
Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation
Hartzell Propeller
Helicopter Association International (HAI)
Jeppesen
King Schools
Klein Tools
L-3 Avionics Systems
Nat'l Air Transportation Association (NATA)
Nat'l Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI)
Nat'l Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO)
Nat'l Business Aviation Association (NBAA)
New Piper Aircraft
Professional Aviation Maintenance Assoc (PAMA)
Raytheon (Beachcraft) Aircraft Company
Rolls Royce North America
Ryan International
Unison Industries
Women in Aviation International (WAI)