



# The Flight Instructor Hall of Fame

The Flight Instructor Hall of Fame recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to aviation education and flight instruction while reflecting credit upon themselves and their profession. It highlights the important role flight instructors play as a foundation for the safety of the entire national air transportation system. Each year (with limited exceptions), one or more inductees are selected and honored.

**The National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI) sponsors and administers the HOF:** NAFI recruits applicant inductees each year, organizes the independent judging panel, administers the results of the judging selection, covers costs of administering the award, and provides the venue for the induction ceremony each year the award takes place. **NAFI DOES NOT TAKE PART IN JUDGING, ONLY OVERSEES THE PROCESS.**

## ELIGIBILITY

- All Flight Instructor Hall of Fame nominees must have worked in the field of aviation education under 14 CFR Parts 61, 121, 141 or 142 for a minimum of **twenty (20) years** prior to nomination, and have been considered to have provided **active flight instruction for at least 10 years** (i.e. flight instruction in ANY category of aircraft or FAA approved training device/simulator);
- Nominees must have held a valid FAA-issued flight instructor certificate during that time;
- Nominees must be of good moral character [i.e., FAR 61.153(c)] and must be respected within the aviation industry for their integrity, professionalism and diligence;
- Prior suspension or revocation of any airman certificate may be disqualifying;
- Prior accident history will be considered and may be disqualifying.
- Special provisions and accommodations will be made for posthumous nominations and awards.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be judged on sustained superior performance in the field of aviation education as well as contributions to and accomplishments within aviation in general. **For example:**

- Enhancement of aviation safety;
- Development of effective / innovative teaching techniques;
- Advancement of professional standards;
- Development of significant technical support;
- Achievement of professional excellence;
- Creation of innovative instructional materials;
- Partnership on projects with the FAA and/or industry;
- Being a role model for and a mentor to other aviation educators.

## NOMINATION & SELECTION PROCESS

**NAFI DOES NOT TAKE PART IN JUDGING, ONLY OVERSEES THE PROCESS.** Applications will be accepted between **January 1st and April 30th** for in year consideration.

- Nomination submissions will receive confirmation of receipt by NAFI.
- Beginning May 1st, each application will be reviewed for completeness and eligibility. Applications will then be sent to the judging panel to be rated confidentially.
- The NAFI HOF Administrator will compile the results and identify inductees by June 1st.
- By June 10th the inductee(s) will be personally notified by NAFI's Chairman and HOF Administrator.



# The Flight Instructor Hall of Fame Nomination Form

*(Please type or print legibly)*

Nominee's Name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Business \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide contact information for two other references the nomination committee could contact in the review process:**

Reference Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Has the nominee's FAA or industry-issued airman and /or instructor certificates ever been suspended, revoked, or subject to any enforcement action? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown \_\_\_\_\_

Has the nominee ever been assessed a civil penalty for pilot or flight violations? No  Yes

*(If yes to any of the questions above, please attach a detailed explanation and complete documentation.)*

Nominator's Name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Business \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_



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Years of aviation experience? \_\_\_\_\_

When & where did s/he learn to fly? \_\_\_\_\_

When & where did s/he become an instructor? \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate flight hours: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate instructional hours given: \_\_\_\_\_

## Instructor Ratings & Designations:

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Airplane SEL / SES    | <input type="checkbox"/> Light Sport Aircraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Basic ground instructor (BGI)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Airplane MEL / MES    | <input type="checkbox"/> Ultralight           | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced ground instructor (AGI)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instrument airplane   | <input type="checkbox"/> Glider               | <input type="checkbox"/> Instrument ground instructor (IGI) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instrument helicopter | <input type="checkbox"/> Lighter-than-air     | <input type="checkbox"/> FAA/ Industry Pilot                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rotorcraft helicopter | <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Seal            | <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation Safety Counselor          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rotorcraft gyroplane  | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Instructor    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                        |

Additional airman certificates & ratings held: \_\_\_\_\_

*Using the selection criteria defined above; provide narrative responses to provide information on as many of the four items below as possible. Feel free to include appropriate supporting documentation as necessary.*

- A. SUMMARY OF NOMINEE'S PROFESSIONAL AVIATION ACTIVITIES** (i.e., work assignments, instructional activities, research & development, media work, etc)
- B. SUMMARY OF NOMINEE'S NOTEWORTHY CONTRIBUTIONS TO AVIATION EDUCATION** (specific accomplishments that show the nominee to be outstanding)
- C. SUMMARY OF NOMINEE'S PRO BONO SERVICE TO THE AVIATION COMMUNITY** (i.e., service on professional boards & committees, involvement in professional associations, mentoring others, youth activities like Scouts and Young Eagles, AOPA Airport Support Network, EAA Technical Counselor, FAA Aviation Safety Counselor, Civil Air Patrol, etc)
- D. NOMINEE'S AVIATION-ORIENTED HONORS, AWARDS & OTHER RECOGNITION**
- E. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: Max of Three**

**Return a complete copy of the Flight Instructor Hall of Fame nomination packet to:**

Flight Instructor Hall of Fame  
National Association of Flight Instructors  
3101 East Milham Ave.  
Portage, MI 49002

Submissions can be made via email to: [NAFI@nafinet.org](mailto:NAFI@nafinet.org) Attn: John Niehaus, Chief Administrator