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ADVISORY CIRCULAR

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT: 1972 FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD PROGRAM

1. PURPOSE. This advisory circular provides the details of the 1972 Flight Instructor of the Year Award Program. This program is a joint effort of the Federal Aviation Administration, AOPA Air Safety Foundation, and the aviation community.
2. BACKGROUND. The Federal Aviation Administration and organizations of the aviation industry are establishing a 1972 Flight Instructor of the Year Award Program. This is projected to become an annual event.
3. OBJECTIVE OF AWARDS. The 1972 Flight Instructor of the Year Award gives recognition to the flight instructor making outstanding contributions to air safety through flight instructing practices. The goals of this effort are to recognize the importance of the flight instructor, to maintain a close working relationship between the flight instructor and the Federal Aviation Administration and to emphasize the professionalism of the flight instructor in this vital safety role.
4. NUMBER OF AWARDS.
 - a. District Award. Eighty-six awards are made at the local level, one in each of the General Aviation District Offices (GADO) and Flight Standards District Offices (FSDO). District winners become competitively eligible for FAA regional awards.
 - b. Regional Awards. Twelve regional awards are made consisting of one award in each of the following regions. (1) Eastern, (2) Southern (includes Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands), (3) Southwest, (4) Central, (5) Western, (6) Pacific (includes Asia, Guam, South Pacific), (7) Alaskan, (8) New England, (9) Great Lakes, (10) Northwest, (11) Rocky Mountain, (12) European (includes Africa and Middle East). The regional winners are competitively eligible for the national award.

- c. National Award. There will be one national winner selected from the regional winners.

5. DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS.

- a. District Award. An FAA certificate inscribed with the Department of Transportation seal and citation, signed by the Chief of the GADO/FSDO. In addition, each local winner will receive a lifetime metalized replica, wallet size, of his FAA flight instructor certificate.
- b. Regional Award. A metal plaque engraved with the Department of Transportation seal and citation, signed by the regional director.
- c. National Award. A trophy created for the agency engraved with the Department of Transportation seal and citation. In addition, the AOPA Air Safety Foundation will present the national winner with a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) cash honorarium.
- d. Other Awards. There may be other organizations offering additional awards to the local, regional and national winners. These additional awards will be announced during the award ceremonies.

6. AWARD PRESENTATION.

- a. Local Awards. Are presented in ceremonies scheduled by the local GADO/FSDO Chief.
- b. Regional Awards. Are presented in ceremonies scheduled by the FAA regional offices.
- c. National Award. The national award will be presented in Washington, D. C. Travel costs for the national winner and the winner's immediate family will be paid by the AOPA Air Safety Foundation.
- d. The FAA does not pay travel or per diem costs for winners or their families. Travel arrangements for local and regional winners are made by the agency in conjunction with the aviation industry and the winners' sponsoring organization.
- e. See item 10 for schedule.

7. AWARD GUIDELINE. These guidelines for the selection of winners have been established:

a. Effectiveness

- (1) Instructing record
- (2) Safety record of instructor and students
- (3) Student instructor relationship
- (4) Professionalism as a teacher
- (5) The number of students successfully passing the written test on the first attempt (past 24 months)
- (6) The number of students successfully passing the flight test on the first attempt (past 24 months)

b. Initiative

- (1) Suggesting and/or implementing new ideas for training and safety.
- (2) Self-improvement programs (acquiring new certificates, attending courses, clinics, seminars, etc.)
- (3) Developing training aids and improving methods of presentations.

c. Fostering of Aviation

- (1) Promotion of interest in general aviation through contact with students and the public in general.
- (2) Speaking to college, university, high school, civic club groups, etc.

d. Compliance with and knowledge of the Federal Aviation Regulations

- (1) Attitude of instructor concerning compliance with FARs.
- (2) Attitude of students as affected by instructor's ability.
- (3) Knowledge of the national aviation system in general.
- (4) Knowledge of FAR 1, 61 and 91 specifically.

8. ELIGIBILITY FOR CONSIDERATION.


- a. A student, pilot, supervisor or other knowledgeable person, or an eligible flight instructor himself, may recommend an entry for consideration for an award. Entries should be submitted to the FAA district office which serves the area in which the instructor is employed, using FAA Form 1210-5, ENTRY FOR FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD, three copies of which are attached to this circular. Additional copies of FAA Form 1210-5 may be obtained from your FAA district office, or you may use a facsimile which provides the information shown on the form.
- b. Winners are selected without regard to race, color, creed, sex or national origin.
- c. Flight instructors who hold a valid and current FAA Flight Instructor Certificate are eligible.
- d. Employees of the Federal Aviation Administration and the AOPA Air Safety Foundation are not eligible.
- e. An entrant must be working as an active flight instructor. An active flight instructor is defined as one that has trained ten successful students in the last two years up to the date the entry was submitted. A successful student is defined as one who has received his required instruction and/or recommendation from the flight instructor concerned, and has successfully passed his written or flight test for pilot certification on the first attempt.

9. SCREENING AND SELECTION OF ENTRIES.

- a. Screening and selection of entries for district and regional awards are made by committees composed of FAA personnel and members of the aviation community possessing the technical qualification required to evaluate and judge the entrant's capabilities as a flight instructor. Committee members are selected from within the geographic boundaries of the particular area. In the District competition, the Accident Prevention Specialist will serve as chairman. The Regional Accident Prevention Coordinator will act as chairman of the committee in the Regional competition. Final screening and selection for the national awards are made by a committee composed of nationally prominent aviation people and FAA personnel. The chairman of this committee will be the Special Assistant (General Aviation Accident Prevention) to the Director of Flight Standards.
- b. The screening and selecting committee thoroughly reviews all entry forms to assure the winner has been selected in accordance with the Awards Guidelines.
- c. The decisions of the screening and selection committees will be final.
- d. Persons desiring details of the winner's contribution should communicate directly with that person for details. The names of the winners are usually published in trade journals.

10. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS.

- a. 1972 District winners will be selected and awards will be presented on or after 15 March 1973.
- b. 1972 Regional winners will be selected and awards will be presented on or after 15 April 1973.
- c. 1972 national winner will be selected in April 1973 and awards will be presented on dates scheduled by headquarters during the first six months of 1973.



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1. CANDIDATE FOR AWARD

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c. Mailing Address	

2. NAME OF EMPLOYER (if any) AND ADDRESS

3. OUTSTANDING FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR CAPABILITIES (See FAA Advisory Circular on this subject for further details)

(If additional space is required, continue on reverse side, or attach additional sheets)

ENTRY SUBMITTED BY (If other than applicant)

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Employed by	Position held
Date	Signature

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