

Nominations Accepted to June 27, 2008
Call for Nominations
2008 Public Benefit Flying Awards
Presented by the National Aeronautic Association
In Association with the Air Care Alliance

Introduction

The National Aeronautic Association (NAA) and the Air Care Alliance (ACA) have created a set of national awards designed to recognize the contributions of those individuals who fly for the benefit of others, and public benefit flying organizations. We're asking for your help in identifying those who have been doing outstanding work which should be recognized.

To ensure your nomination receives full consideration please adhere to the following guidelines. Nominations that do not fall within the specifications listed below might not be considered during the selection process. Nominations must be submitted through qualified organizations only, as specified in the Nominating and Selection Process section below.

Award Categories

Distinguished Volunteer Pilot - awarded to an individual or individuals for outstanding public benefit flying service as a volunteer pilot.

Distinguished Volunteer - awarded to an individual or individuals for outstanding service as a non-flying volunteer working in public benefit flying.

Outstanding Achievement in Advancement of Public Benefit Flying - for outstanding achievement by an individual or organization that helped raise the standard of service of or contributed significantly to the overall advancement of Public Benefit Flying.

Public Benefit Flying Teamwork Award - for outstanding cooperation and coordination involving two or more unaffiliated Public Benefit Flying organizations in the accomplishment of a common mission, task, or objective.

Champion of Public Benefit Flying - awarded to an individual, organization, or company who, while not operationally directly involved in Public Benefit Flying, has provided extraordinary support for such efforts and thus advanced the cause of Public Benefit Flying.

Category Criteria

Distinguished Volunteer Pilot: *Performance that exceeds expectations and distinguishes nominee volunteers and their efforts. Consider the amount and nature of effort, commitment, sacrifice, and impact on clients, organization, and community.*

Distinguished Volunteer: *Performance that exceeds expectations and distinguishes non-pilot volunteers and their efforts. Consider the amount and nature of effort, commitment, sacrifice, and the impact on clients, organization, and community.*

Outstanding Achievement in Advancement of Public Benefit Flying: *Outstanding achievement or contribution by an individual, group of individuals, an organization, or group of organizations that significantly raised the standard of service, improved the state-of-the-art, or contributed to the advancement of Public Benefit Flying overall. Consider the size, complexity, and unique value of the achievement and its positive impact on public benefit flying.*

Public Benefit Flying Teamwork Award: *Exemplary collaboration involving individuals and/or unaffiliated and independent public benefit flying organizations in order to complete a task beyond the scope and resources of any one public benefit flying organization. Consider the size, complexity, and unique value of the collaboration to the furtherance of public benefit flying efforts.*

Champion of Public Benefit Flying: *This award is intended for individuals or groups not directly or primarily involved in public benefit flying, for extraordinary support and contributions providing fair winds beneath the wings of public benefit flying organizations and their volunteers. Consider the nature and scope of the support itself and/or its impact on encouraging others to provide the necessary lift for public benefit flying.*

General Criteria

Nominees must be either U.S. citizens or U.S. organizations.

Public Benefit Flying is defined as those activities, conducted largely by volunteers, in which one or more general aviation aircraft were used to support the health and well being of anyone needing charitable assistance or for the benefit of the general public, and for which no fee was charged for the aircraft or for pilot services.

Awards are intended to honor the efforts of volunteers working in the field of public benefit flying, or those who support them. Awards may be granted to individuals, teams, groups, or organizations, as appropriate.

Awards may be based on just one or on several extraordinary events or accomplishments or may be based on long term or lifetime achievement. This must be clearly expressed in the nominating materials.

Nominating and Selection Process

Each primary administrative office for organizations appearing on the ACA listing of all public benefit flying groups as of March 1, 2008 shall receive an invitation to submit **one nomination for each of the above named awards**. Certain other organizations which are supportive of or commonly working with volunteers and their public benefit flying groups, or which are knowledgeable in the field of aviation, may also be sent invitations, at the discretion of NAA.

Individuals may submit nominations for one or more of these awards by forwarding their nomination information to the primary administrative office of their own organization(s) for consideration as that organization's candidates.

Each nomination shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) printed pages and be in a form acceptable to NAA.

Cover and Contact Information (one page): The nomination package will include a cover sheet page specifying the award category proposed and complete contact information for the nominee, the nominator, and two persons who are willing to act as references for the nominee. The contact information shall include the name, title and/or affiliation, mailing address, telephone numbers (work and home), and email address for each person.

Justification (three pages): Give complete yet concise details explaining why the nominee should receive the award proposed. Provide such background information as considered pertinent and any other relevant information that would assist the Selection Committee. Justification for the award shall not exceed three pages in length.

Abstract and Citation (one page): Provide the final separate sheet containing an Abstract of the Justification statement in 75 words or less, plus a Citation that might appear on the award in 30 words or less which celebrate and capture the essence of the achievement for which the nominee's name has been submitted.

Deadline and Submission Process

The nomination, signed by an officer of the administering office of the organization(s) submitting it, must be received by NAA at its offices between **now and June 27, 2008**. Nominations received after the deadline will not be accepted. While fax transmissions are acceptable, every effort should be made to ensure the delivery of the nomination in the original format. For cleanest reproduction, email a Word or PDF versions to awards@naa.aero. Please send mailed nominations to:

National Aeronautic Association
Attn: PBF Nominations
Reagan Washington National Airport
Hangar 7, Suite 202
Washington, DC 20001

Emails are preferred. Send to: awards@naa.aero (Attached Word or PDF document. Please request receipt)
Fax: 815-572-9192 (Faxes will reproduce at lower quality)

Selection Committee

The selection committee will be comprised of prominent individuals and representatives of aviation organizations nominated by both NAA and ACA. Awardees will be honored at a ceremony at the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington D.C.

For additional information and list of prior awardees please visit www.naa.aero. Email us at awards@naa.aero.