



## 2023 Flight Training Experience Survey Rules

The Flight Training Experience Survey and Awards were designed to promote and encourage best practices in flight training, as detailed in the ["The Flight Training Experience" research](#) conducted by AOPA in 2010. The survey and awards program identifies and recognizes the flight schools and instructors evaluated as "best" through the eyes of their customers.

To reach our core goals, the following rules will ensure we recognize only the most qualified flight schools and instructors.

### ELIGIBILITY

#### TO BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPLETE A SURVEY OF FLIGHT TRAINING PROVIDERS, YOU MUST:

1. Be an individual 14 years of age or older; and
2. Have received flight instruction within the past 12 calendar months from that flight instructor or that flight school, as applicable.

#### ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE THESE AWARDS:

1. Flying clubs are not eligible to receive an award;
2. Flight schools and FAA certificated flight instructors must be in compliance with any applicable operating rules and minimum standards as established by their airport operator/proprietor; and
3. FAA certificated flight instructors must be the subject of at least five (5) valid surveys.
4. Flight schools must be the subject of at least ten (10) valid surveys.

#### LIMIT:

1. Each eligible individual may submit no more than one survey per flight school and one survey per flight instructor. In addition, no more than one survey per flight school and one survey per flight instructor will be accepted from a unique email address. If more than one survey for a given flight school and/or flight instructor is received from one eligible individual or one email address, only the first complete submission will be accepted.

### MISCELLANEOUS

All surveys should be in the submitter's own words and reflect the submitter's personal views. AOPA reserves the right to: (a) evaluate and weight surveys based on detail, thoughtfulness, and content; and (b) disqualify any survey, and/or flight school/instructor nominated by any survey, that appears in AOPA's sole discretion not to conform to the letter or spirit of these rules.