

2025 AOPA Flight Training Experience Award Winners

NATIONAL FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR

(To be announced in early March.)

NATIONAL FLIGHT SCHOOL

(To be announced in early March.)

BEST FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR BY REGION

Central Southern

John Schaffer
Willis, TX

Eastern

Madison Nugent
Vienna, VA

Great Lakes

Peg Ballou
Bucyrus, OH

Pacific

Mike Smith
Napa, CA

Southern

Tiziano Bernard
Pooler, GA

Jacob Peery

Gilbert, AZ

BEST FLIGHT SCHOOL BY REGION

Central Southern

In the Pattern
Denton, TX

Eastern

Air Ventures Flying School
Smithfield, RI

Great Lakes

Ballou Skies Aviation
Bucyrus, OH

Pacific

Flex Air
San Diego, CA

Southern

Sun City Aviation Academy
Pembroke Pines, FL

Western

Chennault Flying Service
North Las Vegas, NV

DISTINGUISHED FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS BY REGION

Central Southern

James Lewis
Roanoke, TX

Ty Ashe
Notasugla, AL

Corey McLean
Houston, TX

Connor Caskey
Fort Worth, TX

Eastern

Bill English

Fairfax, VA

Mike Berlin

Hartford, CT

Doug Auclair

Smithfield, RI

Ryan Dlugash

Washington, D.C.

George Charles Allen

Mansfield, MA

Wayne Green

Stafford, VA

Alexey Ozerov

Fairfield, NJ

Caoilainn Mallon

Tuxedo, NY

Logan Campbell

Bunker Hill, WV

Kathleen Spillane

Frederick, MD

Hoa Dao

Frederick, MD

Bob Hepp

Fairfax Station, VA

William Dubois

Newtown, PA

Alastair Bastian

Dover, MA

Sam Carey

Chantilly, VA

Roger Coffman

Fredericksburg, VA

Kathryn Jones

Tolland, CT

Malinda Caywood

Frederick, MD

Christopher Miller

Centreville, VA

John Knapp

Stafford, VA

Elayne Humphrey

Fayetteville, NC

Shelby Clark

Herndon, VA

Declan Hickton

Washington, D.C.

Kim Webster

Fredericksburg, VA

Addison Schroeder

Woodbridge, VA

Probir Goyal

Ashburn, VA

Jay Nabors

Cary, NC

Brandon Gill

Falls Church, VA

Mark Witte

Woodbridge, VA

Scott Kelly

Arlington, VA

Brenda Garcia

Inwood, WV

Kenneth Solosky

Mineola, NY

Charles Garity

Leesburg, VA

Anna Herrington

Lorton, VA

Alex Tudor

Raleigh, NC

Great Lakes

Ethan Meisenburg

Orion, Illinois

Brooke Monroe

Prairie Grove, Illinois

Ernest Boys

Libertyville, Illinois

Anthony Greco

Bartlett, Illinois

Richard Blamer

Chagrin Falls, Ohio

Pacific

Rachael Webster

San Mateo, CA

Margaret Watt

Hollister, CA

Philip Mandel

Beaverton, OR

Campbell Potter

Santa Rosa, CA

Herb Patten

San Carlos, CA

Samuel Tarrel

Hillsboro, OR

Southern

Jean-Luc Pous

Santa Fe, NM

Kurt Belsten

Melbourne Beach, FL

David McCormack

Pensacola, FL

Thomas Plambeck

Naples, FL

Collin McDonald

Carthage, TN

Cara Ming

Miramar, FL

Western

Don Hendrickson

Helena, MT

Thomas Sando

Williston, ND

Jakeb Strong

Butte, MT

Mark Boguski

Olathe, KS

Jordan Thomas

Vancouver, WA

DISTINGUISHED FLIGHT SCHOOLS BY REGION

Central Southern

Code 1 Flight Training

Wills Point, TX

Future Flyers of Iowa

Winterset, IA

Tulsa Aviation Group, LLC (TAG)

Claremore, OK

Pilot Rise, LLC

Fort Worth, TX

Central Southern, continued

United Flight Systems

Spring, TX

Chickasha Wings, Inc

Chickasha, OK

Nationwide Aviation

Roanoke, TX

Black Hound Aviation

San Marcos, TX

Eastern

Air Fleet Training Systems

Fairfield, NJ

Aviation Adventures (KHEF)

Manassas, VA

Aviation Adventures (KHWY)

Warrenton, VA

Aviation Adventures (KJYO)

Leesburg, VA

Aviation Adventures (KOKV)

Winchester, VA

Aviation Adventures (KRMN)

Fredericksburg, VA

Avier Flight School

Beverly, MA

Bravo Flight Training

Frederick, MD

Cape Fear Aviation Flight Training

Fayetteville, NC

Chesapeake Sport Pilot

Stevensville, MD

FlightGest Academy

Morrisville, NC

Fredrickson Aviation

Timberlake, NC

Great Lakes Flight Center

Jamestown, NY

Mil2ATP, Inc.

Pikeville, NC

Norby Aviation, LLC

Southbridge, MA

NoVA Pilots

Leesburg, VA

Premier Flight Center, LLC

Hartford, CT

Race City Flight Operations

Mooresville, NC

Take Flight Aviation LLC

Montgomery, NY

Great Lakes

Lunken Flight Training Center

Cincinnati, OH

Blue Skies Flying Services, LLC

Lake in the Hills, IL

Fundamentals Flight Training LLC.

Erie, PA

Pilotsmith

Green Bay, WI

Avit Flight Academy

Wadsworth, OH

Turn 2 Aviation LLC

Bloomsburg, PA

Moore Aviation, Inc.

Beaver Falls, PA

Pacific

Sparrowhawk Aviation

Hollister, CA

Mike Smith Aviation Napa

Napa, CA

Northwest Flight Service

Spokane, WA

NextGen Flight Academy

Riverside, CA

Hillsboro Heli Academy

Troutdale, OR

Hillsboro Aero Academy

Hillsboro, OR

Pacific States Aviation

Concord, CA

SoCal Aviation, Inc

Chino, CA

Southern

Pensacola Air Flight School

Pensacola, FL

Greenville Aviation

Greenville, SC

Jumpers Away

Greenville, SC

Flywell Aviation

Bowling Green, KY

D&J Aviation

Sanford, FL

Orlando Flight School

Orlando, FL

USAeroFlight

Greenville, SC

Kingsky Flight Academy, LLC

Lakeland, FL

Melbourne Flight Training

Melbourne, FL

Aviator Zone Academy

Miami, FL

First Landings Aviation

Apopka, FL

Tennessee Flight Training

Nashville, TN

Western

Bush Air

Cal Nev Ari, NV

AV8 Flight School

Eden Prairie, MN

Barnstormers Aviation

Bemidji, MN

Rocky Mountain USSF Flight Training Center/ Peterson Aero Club

Colorado Springs, CO

Ridgeline Aviation

Belgrade, MT

Sierra Charlie Aviation

Scottsdale, AZ

Sling Pilot Academy

Torrance, CA

Air Trek North

Crosslake, MN