



Report for Anthony Wright at KHEF

Region: Awards Consideration (includes report card)

Below is a summary of scores and feedback from all the usable evaluations which were submitted for you during the 2026 Flight Training Experience Award application period. Many flight training providers receive exceptionally high scores so we also share with you the distribution of the overall aggregate scores for comparison.

1. Eligibility

To be eligible for an award, you needed to receive at least 5 unique evaluations, each at least 80% complete

A survey response was considered 'usable' if the respondent answered at least 80% of the questions required for scoring.

A CFI was considered 'eligible' for an award if they received at least 5 unique, usable responses.

Average scores were based on all usable responses received and have been rounded where necessary.

Your percentile rank was calculated by comparing your score to scores of all other (nominated/eligible) CFIs. Percentile ranks were calculated at both national and regional levels and may have been rounded.

Your performance (percentile rank) compared to all other eligible CFIs in your region was one of many factors that informed award decisions.

You received 14 evaluations.

2. Free Responses

At the end of each evaluation, we ask the following open-ended question:

Why should or shouldn't your CFI win a Flight Training Experience Award?

3. Individual Overall Scores & Responses

Total Score	Student Review
87.00	As a student pilot for my private pilot's license, I have had the privilege of learning from the start with Anthony Wright (Tony). Tony is a very knowledgeable and patient CFI. I have never felt that I was unable to ask any type of question and Tony was always willing to explain the answers to my questions in detail or help me figure out the answer. Tony provided numerous resources for me to review outside of the flight lessons to build comprehension and understanding of various topics. I was aware of what every lesson would cover and what was expected of me when I arrived. Tony has always exhibited professionalism and a strong understanding of what is being taught or demonstrated. I am lucky to have had him as my CFI for my flight training and I believe that he would be a great candidate to receive this award.
86.00	This instructor should win a Flight Training Experience Award because he trained and taught me in order to earn my instrument rating and I couldn't have done it without him. He trained me on the ground by thoroughly explaining every aspect of instrument training starting from flying using just the instruments in a simulator to flying full approaches in the air. He helped me before each lesson by sending helpful videos, study materials, and the syllabus for that particular lesson so I knew what to expect. He knew when to step in and help me and when to let me figure out things on my own. Overall, he is a fantastic instructor who has made me a better, more experienced, and more knowledgeable pilot I am today.

90.00	<p>With strong conviction, I wholeheartedly believe that Tony Wright is most deserving of the AOPA Gold Star Flight Instructor Award. As a combat tested F 16 pilot, former USAF Thunderbird demonstration pilot (#5), F 35 squadron commander, FAA CFII, ATP, and longtime AOPA member, I have trained with many exceptional instructors; Tony ranks among the absolute best. Tony's instruction is defined by measurable outcomes: safer pilots who make sound decisions under pressure. I have witnessed first-hand how he pairs rigorous technical teaching with scenario-based stress testing designed to expose and then correct fragile judgment calls. His occasional, well-timed distractions—like pulling my engine mid-scenario—and realistic simulated avionics failures are never gimmicks; they are precisely calibrated training interventions that produce durable competence and calm in real emergencies. The pilots he graduates demonstrate improved risk management, superior scan discipline, and a predictable reduction in error rates during cross-country and IMC training. Tony's instructional strengths are matched by his professionalism in aviation leadership. I observed how he cultivated a safety culture at Aviation Adventures that students love to absorb and replicate. He delivers candid, actionable feedback with the empathy and clarity that accelerate student learning. He invests in each student's long term development as a pilot and as an aviation professional, mentoring beyond lesson plans to include aeronautical decision making, professional communication, and continuous proficiency. His students leave his instruction more confident, more competent, and more committed to a standard of care that benefits the entire aviation community. Tony's impact extends to the broader training environment. As a well-respected instructor in Northern Virginia, he fosters teamwork, open debriefing, and continuous improvement among fellow instructors and student across multiple FBO's. His reputation in the general aviation community is built on his integrity, judgment, and collaborative leadership, specifically at KHEF, KCJR, and KHWY. There, he mentors other CFIs, shares best practices, and repeatedly elevates the instructional standard where he trains. Examples from my own training with Tony illustrate his effectiveness. Tony was my personal top-choice to help me transition from military aviation to general aviation with accelerated proficiency: Tony identified my latent habits, replaced them with safer techniques, and simulated realistic failure scenarios until the corrected behaviors were reflexive. His instruction directly translated into measurable improvements in my aviation decision making and emergency handling. Tony embodies the qualities this award honors: instructional excellence, an enduring commitment to safety, impactful mentorship, and demonstrable results. No one is more deserving of the AOPA Gold Star Flight Instructor Award than Tony Wright. I am confident that awarding Tony the AOPA Gold Star award will recognize a consummate professional who consistently raises the bar for flight training nationwide. Sincerely, Jason Bradley Curtis</p>
90.00	<p>Tony is an awesome instructor who goes above and beyond for their students. He made me realize flying can be fun and challenging at the same time.</p>
89.00	<p>Tony is a consummate professional above all else. His depth and breadth of knowledge are unmatched by any of the more than a dozen instructors I have worked with during my year of aviation training. Above all this knowledge, Tony makes training fun and enjoyable. He is extremely capable of getting a point across in a light hearted but still serious tone. I have never felt more comfortable in the air as when Tony is there. Out of the 13 instructors I have had the pleasure of working with, Tony is by far the most well rounded and knowledgeable instructor who, quite simply, makes training a joy. I would recommend him over any instructor I have dealt with to date.</p>
86.00	<p>Anthony Wright is an outstanding flight instructor, and I highly recommend him for pilots at any stage of their training. As a new Commercial student, I was immediately impressed with Anthony's professionalism and eagerness to train. From our first meeting, he treated me with respect and took me under his guidance. He ensured I was proficient and current, successfully helping me check out on multiple aircraft and achieve my instrument proficiency goals after a small break in flying. Every lesson with Anthony is approached with safety as the main priority, followed by effective training goals. His instruction is of a high caliber, and he has a remarkable way of sharing his experience that is engaging and informative. Since flying with him, I feel my skills have improved significantly. I genuinely look forward to every lesson and am incredibly grateful to have Anthony as my CFI. Any student would be fortunate to learn from his guidance and expertise.</p>
90.00	<p>I think Tony is a good example of what you want to represent not only your school but also flying in general. He's patient and witty and very knowledgable. Biggest thing he brings to the table is his ability to teach and breakdown maneuvers in a way that is digestible to many different learning styles. He's the man.</p>
90.00	<p>Tony thoroughly interviewed to develop a clear training to meet my learning requirement. The training plan was clear, deliberate, effective and efficient with off ramps if areas of trouble may be identified. Tony also developed excelent training products to enhance learning and ensure I came prepared for every flight. He challenged me in the aircraft while still maintaining a positive learning environment that built my confidence. He also utilized significant past experiences to enhance the learning experience. Tony was one of my best instructors in my 20 year aviation history.</p>

90.00	Tony was a very professional instructor. He was down to earth and was very realistic and offered honest feed back while maintaining the delicate balance of keeping the student motivated. He looked out for the student and their best interests. I don't see a reason why Tony should not get an award. In my honest opinion he deserves it. He wants to see every student succeed and will go out of his way to make sure that happens.
90.00	Tony is a very experienced instructor from his time as a Navy Flight instructor and brings a different approach to instruction and flying that is a breath of fresh air. As he didn't grow up in the civilian side of aviation he has learned the civilian side at the Part 141 school that he instructs at. In so doing he has helped the other instructors at the school understand that risk management isn't just a checklist but a mindset. In addition Tony approaches flight instruction from the perspective of the big picture objective. That is a pilot who can not only perform the maneuvers but who can also see how the building blocks build into a confident and professional approach to flying.
87.00	Anthony goes above and beyond to ensure his students' success, and has personally adjusted his schedule to meet my specific needs. He is also willing to answer any questions I have in detail and most importantly, he makes flight training fun.
89.00	Tony is my current flight instructor as I pursue a private pilot certificate, and he has been an outstanding educator both from knowledge and attitude standpoints. He brings a calm and friendly demeanor, as well as a great deal of flying experience, into the cockpit. This combination fosters an environment where as a student I feel entirely safe with learning new maneuvers and pushing the limits of my knowledge and abilities. Tony is not my first instructor. I began training approximately 20 years ago and had an excellent instructor at the time, but training was put on hold due to external factors. Since I've gotten back in the cockpit, Tony has done a superb job at (1) identifying which skills and knowledge I've retained, while (2) introducing me to new topics and/or procedural changes that have taken place since I last flew. He has also generously shared numerous external training resources, providing vetted content that goes into depth on subjects we cover while flying. We discuss and perform all items in our flying school's syllabus, while simultaneously paying specific attention to maneuvers/knowledge that need work and not over-drilling subjects that I grasp quickly or retained from previous training. This efficient use of time – both through accounting for previous training and sharing resources for at-home learning – is, in my opinion, going to make me a more proficient and safer pilot as we work through the training process. I wholeheartedly think that Tony merits a Flight Training Experience Award, and believe that the community will benefit from his teaching for years to come.
90.00	Anthony was an excellent instructor in teaching me about multi-engine. He was patient and helped me through everything.
90.00	Anthony Wright is a dedicated and professional flight instructor. He is thorough in his preparation, has an excellent demeanor both on the ground and in the air, and has a knack for simplifying difficult concepts to make them understandable and executable for his students. He is knowledgeable, approachable, and humble in his approach to instruction. He prioritizes safety and remains composed at all times. Anthony critiques performance in a professional manner, both real time in the air as well as during debriefs on the ground. He does an excellent job of praising and reinforcing positive patterns of behavior and skill while adequately addressing areas for improvement by adequately identifying root causes and offering lessons learned that are retainable and executable for his students. He blends a professional approach with a witty sense of humor that create a fun atmosphere for his students to learn and grow. I always enjoy flying with and discussing aviation related topics with Anthony. He has taught me a great deal and I believe he is incredibly deserving of this award.

4. Aggregate Overall Score (Range: 0 to 100)

This is the overall score you received from your customers in the 2026 Flight Training Experience Award application period:

Your Score: 89

4.1 Compared to All Nominees (those with at least 1 evaluation)

National Average: 87

Your national percentile ranking: 87%

Regional Average: 87

Your regional percentile ranking: 87%

4.2 Compared to All Eligible Nominees (those with at least 10 evaluations)

National Average: 88

Your national percentile ranking: 97%

Regional Average: 88

Your regional percentile ranking: 97%

5. SubScore Summary for at

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The remaining sections summarize your individual subscores (range: 0 to 100) as they apply to each of the four areas from our Flight Training Experience Research: Educational Quality, Customer Focus, Community, and Information Sharing. You will also find national and regional averages, for benchmarking.

Subscore Summary:

	Your Score	National Avg
Educational Quality	100	86
Customer Focus	100	86
Community	95	82
Information Sharing	100	83
NetPromoter Score	100	96
Overall Total	89	76

6. Educational Quality Scale (Range: 0 to 100)

This is the score you received from your customers, derived solely from the questions related to Educational Quality; offering effective training from professional instructors who are dedicated to students' success

Your Score: 100

6.1 Compared to All Nominees (those with at least 1 evaluation)

National Average: 86

Your national percentile ranking: 91%

Regional Average: 86

Your regional percentile ranking: 91%

6.2 Compared to All Eligible Nominees (those with at least 10 evaluations)

National Average: 86

Your national percentile ranking: 96%

Regional Average: 86

Your regional percentile ranking: 96%

6.3 Responses per Question

My CFI consistently used a training syllabus that I could consult.

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	14	100%

My CFI tailored their lessons plans to accommodate my personal strengths and weaknesses.

Response Choice	Frequency	%

Strongly Agree	14	100%
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I felt safe flying with my CFI.

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	14	100%

My CFI helped me feel prepared for unexpected situations in flight.

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	14	100%

7. Customer Focus Scale (Range: 0 to 100)

This is the score you received from your customers, derived solely from the questions related to Customer Focus; adding value by demonstrating professionalism and engagement with students

Your Score: 100

7.1 Compared to All Nominees (those with at least 1 evaluation)

National Average: 86

Your national percentile ranking: 93%

Regional Average: 86

Your regional percentile ranking: 93%

7.2 Compared to All Eligible Nominees (those with at least 10 evaluations)

National Average: 85

Your national percentile ranking: 98%

Regional Average: 85

Your regional percentile ranking: 98%

7.3 Responses per Question

My CFI patiently helped me understand difficult concepts.

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	14	100%

I feel like my CFI made efficient use of my time.

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	14	100%

My CFI was not invested in my success.

Response Choice	Frequency	%
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Strongly Disagree	14	100%
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My CFI was reliable and on-time for scheduled lessons

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	14	100%

8. Community Focus Scale (Range: 0 to 100)

This is the score you received from your customers, derived solely from the questions related to Community; emphasizing social connections and accomplishments.

Your Score: 95

8.1 Compared to All Nominees (those with at least 1 evaluation)

National Average: 82

Your national percentile ranking: 81%

Regional Average: 82

Your regional percentile ranking: 81%

8.2 Compared to All Eligible Nominees (those with at least 10 evaluations)

National Average: 82

Your national percentile ranking: 90%

Regional Average: 82

Your regional percentile ranking: 90%

8.3 Responses per Question

After training with my CFI, I feel like a member of the general aviation community.

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	14	100%

My instructor expressed that people like me should not fly.

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	1	7.14%
Strongly Disagree	13	92.86%

My CFI introduced me to students, new pilots, and members of the local aviation community.

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	11	78.57%
Somewhat Agree	1	7.14%
Neither agree nor disagree	2	14.29%

My CFI shared relevant information to help me continue flying after training (e.g. how to find flying clubs, purchase an aircraft, or start an aviation career)

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	10	71.43%
Somewhat Agree	2	14.29%
Neither agree nor disagree	2	14.29%

9. Information Sharing Scale (Range: 0 to 100)

This is the score you received from your customers, derived solely from the questions related to Information Sharing; educating and empowering students to make informed decisions about flight training investments.

Your Score: 100

9.1 Compared to All Nominees (those with at least 1 evaluation)

National Average: 83
Your national percentile ranking: 97%

Regional Average: 83
Your regional percentile ranking: 97%

9.2 Compared to All Eligible Nominees (those with at least 10 evaluations)

National Average: 83
Your national percentile ranking: 100%

Regional Average: 83
Your regional percentile ranking: 100%

9.3 Responses per Question

I always understood the steps required to reach my flight training goals with my CFI.

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	14	100%

My flight training with my CFI has required more time and/or money than I expected.

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Somewhat Disagree	1	7.14%
Strongly Disagree	13	92.86%

Sometimes I did not know what my flight lessons would cover.

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Disagree	14	100%

My CFI introduced me to online resources (like flight planning tools or weather sources) and showed how they can be used to aid my decision making.

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	14	100%

10.Net Promoter Score

10.1 Questionnaire Responses

The Net Promoter Score is generated by asking customers how likely they would be to recommend a given product or service - in this case, your services as a flight instructor to another potential customer, on an 11 point scale.

How likely are you to recommend your CFI to someone interested in flight training?

Response Choice	Frequency	%
10	14	100%

10.2 NPS Grouping

Responses to this question are then used to sort customers into one of three groups:

Detractor: Less likely to use your services again and may not speak highly of your services to others.

Passive: Generally somewhat satisfied, passive respondents likely won't help or hurt your business in talking to other people.

Promoters: Ideally, all of your customers would be promoters. Promoters would fly with you again in the future and would tell others how great they think you are.

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Promoter	14	100%

10.3 Standardized Score Calculation

The overall Net Promoter Score is calculated by subtracting the percentage of your customers who are 'detractors' from the percentage of your customers you are 'promoters.' Thus, the overall Net Promoter Score can range from - 100 to 100.

For more information on the Net Promoter Score and how to interpret it, check out: <https://www.medallia.com/net-promoter-score>

Your Score: 100

10.3.1 Compared to All Nominees (those with at least 1 evaluation)

National Average: 96
Your national percentile ranking: 60%

Regional Average: 96
Your regional percentile ranking: 60%

10.3.2 Compared to All Eligible Nominees (those with at least 10 evaluations)

National Average: 98
Your national percentile ranking: 63%

Regional Average: 98
Your regional percentile ranking: 63%