



Report for Ethan Meisenburg at KDPA

Region: Great Lakes

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 15 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
90.00	He's a great instructor! Has been doing phase checks since I was a private and now is doing my CFI training! Best in the business
83.00	Ethan should and deserves the award because of his dedication and knowledge. Ethan is always willing to help me with my students, I love listening to his advice.
90.00	Ethan should win this award because he has putt all of his blood sweat and tears into his work. Even on his days off Ethan will always be there for his students.
90.00	I am writing to enthusiastically recommend Ethan Meisenburg for the AOPA Instructor Flight Training Experience Award. Ethan exemplifies the highest standards of flight instruction through his exceptional dedication, deep knowledge, and unwavering commitment to student success. What sets Ethan apart is not only his technical expertise but also his ability to connect with students on a personal level, tailoring each lesson to individual needs and learning styles. His calm, encouraging demeanor builds confidence in his students, creating a supportive environment that promotes both safety and skill development. Ethan's passion for aviation is contagious, and his professionalism reflects the values AOPA stands for. He consistently goes above and beyond to ensure that every student receives the highest quality training experience. It is without reservation that I support Ethan Meisenburg for this well-deserved recognition.

90.00	Ethan should win this Flight Training Experience Award because he provides excellent instruction and is very devoted to his students's success. He is constantly furthering his own knowledge and strives to teach his students to be independent and self-sufficient confident pilots. He teaches them to understand what they are learning in training, not only to perform certain tasks but prepare them for real life scenarios. He gets to know a student and is careful to help them learn in the way that works best for them, being patient along the way. He takes great pride in his students' success and is selfless when it comes to their training, going above and beyond.
86.00	Ethan has an intense teaching style that sets you up for nothing but success. He doesn't just hold you to ACS standards but ATP because he knows how to teach students to be extremely confident and competent pilots. His patience and passion radiates from the classroom to the cockpit. He's willing to help at any and all hours and his ground knowledge is like no other. His teaching is tough but he knows when not to be if he can see you're being too tough on yourself.
90.00	He is very knowledgeable, as any instructor should be, but he also holds his students to that highest standard. He cares about his students, and that comes across in his instruction. He expects greatness from himself, and passes along that dedication to his students.
86.00	My flight instructor Ethan truly embodies what it means to be an exceptional aviation mentor. From the very beginning of my flight training journey, he has gone above and beyond to make sure I not only understand how to fly an airplane but also grow as a confident and disciplined aviator. Ethan has a unique way of breaking down complex concepts into simple, clear explanations that make learning feel exciting rather than overwhelming. He's incredibly patient, supportive, and dedicated to every student's success no matter their background or experience level. His passion for aviation shows in everything he does, from early morning flights to late-night ground school sessions, ensuring we're fully prepared for each step in our training. What sets Ethan apart is his genuine investment in his students. He doesn't just teach us to pass a checkride he teaches us to love flying. He pushes us to reach our full potential, celebrates every milestone, and never gives up on us when we hit challenges. His professionalism, encouragement, and leadership create an environment where students feel capable, respected, and inspired. Ethan represents the best of flight training. His commitment to safety, excellence, and mentorship makes him more than an instructor he's a role model for the next generation of aviators. That's why he deserves to win the Flight Training Experience Award.
82.00	When I think about the person who's had the biggest impact on my aviation journey, without question it's Ethan Meisenburg. I trained with him through my Instrument, Commercial, and CFI ratings. Throughout every phase, Ethan went far beyond what's expected of an instructor — they became a mentor, motivator, and true example of what a professional aviator should be. There were times during training when I doubted myself and hit roadblocks but Ethan never let me give up. He had ability to meet me where I was — whether it was breaking down complex instrument procedures until they finally clicked or pushing me just enough to find confidence in my own judgment. Every flight felt purposeful, every debrief was meaningful, and challenges turned into progress because of his patience and passion. What stands out most about Ethan is that he genuinely cares — not just about the Checkride or performance but it was about me as the student as a future aviator and person. He always celebrated my wins, he lifted me through setbacks and he made sure I left not just as a pilot with a certificate, but as someone who truly is a safe pilot. If anyone deserves to be recognized for their impact on flight training, it's Ethan. His passion doesn't just create great and safe pilots — it creates professionals, mentors, and lifelong love for aviation.
90.00	He should win because he's very considerate and any question I have he's able to answer. He really cares about his students.
90.00	Ethan consistently upholds the highest FAA standards while creating a safe, supportive, and engaging learning environment. Their attention to detail, professionalism, and commitment to student success are evident in every lesson. They go beyond basic instruction by ensuring students understand not just how to fly, but why each procedure and decision matters. Their dedication to safety, proficiency, and mentorship embodies exactly what the Flight Training Experience Award is meant to recognize.
90.00	Ethan is a great resource to all of his students. He is incredibly knowledgeable in everything he does and is a very encouraging member of the aviation community.
88.00	Ethan is a true professional. He's knowledgeable about aviation at the highest level, takes his teaching and responsibility very seriously, and is equally a pleasure to train with. I will continue flying with Ethan indefinitely!
90.00	He is a knowledgeable and kind instructor that makes learning fun! I have learned a lot from him and really enjoy our lessons together!

84.00 Ethan will lose sleep and put aside his personal goals to prioritize the success of his students and coworkers. Not once did Ethan prove that he doesn't deserve to be recognized and remembered for the work he put in at his job but also in his personal life. He will always be the instructor that people look up to be.

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: **88**

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

National Average: **86**

Your national percentile ranking: **63%**

Regional Average: **85**

Your regional percentile ranking: **77%**

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

National Average: **87**

Your national percentile ranking: **68%**

Regional Average: **87**

Your regional percentile ranking: **64%**

5. SubScore Summary for at KDPA

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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	98
Customer Focus	97	97
Community	95	92
Information Sharing	98	94
NetPromoter Score	100	95
Overall Total	98	95

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: **98**

Your national percentile ranking: **83%**

Regional Average: **99**

Your regional percentile ranking: **87%**

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

National Average: 99

Your national percentile ranking: 90%

Regional Average: 99

Your regional percentile ranking: 93%

6.3 Responses per Question

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

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	15	100%

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

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	15	100%

I felt safe flying with my CFI.

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	15	100%

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

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	15	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: 97

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

National Average: 97

Your national percentile ranking: 14%

Regional Average: 95

Your regional percentile ranking: 17%

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

National Average: 98

Your national percentile ranking: 12%

Regional Average: 98

Your regional percentile ranking: 21%

7.3 Responses per Question

My CFI patiently helped me understand difficult concepts.

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	15	100%

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

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	15	100%

My CFI was not invested in my success.

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	2	13.33%
Neither agree nor disagree	1	6.67%
Strongly Disagree	12	80%

My CFI was reliable and on-time for scheduled lessons

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	15	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: 92

Your national percentile ranking: 54%

Regional Average: 91

Your regional percentile ranking: 70%

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

National Average: 94

Your national percentile ranking: 58%

Regional Average: 94

Your regional percentile ranking: 64%

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	15	100%

My instructor expressed that people like me should not fly.

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	3	20%
Neither agree nor disagree	2	13.33%
Strongly Disagree	10	66.67%

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

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	15	100%

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	15	100%

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: 98

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

National Average: 94

Your national percentile ranking: 80%

Regional Average: 92

Your regional percentile ranking: 90%

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

National Average: 95

Your national percentile ranking: 89%

Regional Average: 95

Your regional percentile ranking: 93%

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	15	100%

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

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Neither agree nor disagree	1	6.67%
Somewhat Disagree	1	6.67%
Strongly Disagree	13	86.67%

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

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Neither agree nor disagree	1	6.67%
Strongly Disagree	14	93.33%

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	15	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	15	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	15	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: 95

Your national percentile ranking: 60%

Regional Average: 84

Your regional percentile ranking: 63%

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

National Average: 97

Your national percentile ranking: 62%

Regional Average: 97

Your regional percentile ranking: 57%