



Report for Kenneth Solosky at KFRG

Region: Eastern

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 18 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 |
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| 82.00 | Professor Solosky is, without a doubt, one of the most sophisticated professors I've encountered among the three SUNY schools I've been enrolled at. He has effectively taught me the rules and applications of flying, but is also an admirable mentor. His teaching is both effective and personal. He engages with you where you struggle to ensure you understand, not most, but all the routines of the sky. I've met few professors as thorough as Solosky and, if I ever had to guide a new pilot towards a professor that has promising and well-intended answers, I would recommend they talk to Professor Solosky. |
| 81.00 | He's a great instructor, and he's passionate about doing his job because he's patient while explaining the course to the students. |
| 88.00 | One of the best instructors with a very good experience in Flight Trainings. |

90.00 Professor Solosky deserves this award because of the way he teaches ground school and supports his students. He explains each topic, whether it is weather theory, regulations, or aircraft systems, in a clear, practical way and never moves on until everyone understands. His classes are organized and engaging, and he makes challenging material easy to follow. One thing that really stands out is how he shares his own experiences from his career as a helicopter pilot with the NYPD. Hearing about the experiences he had as a helicopter pilot with the NYPD makes the lessons more relatable and shows how classroom material applies in real aviation. Even though he is not in the airplane with us, his influence shows in every flight lesson. He emphasizes safety, strong decision-making, and real-world applications, which gives us the knowledge and confidence we need when we are in the cockpit. He also takes time after class to answer questions and is always willing to review material one-on-one if someone needs extra help. His dedication directly impacts student success. Thanks to his thorough preparation and the way he explains difficult topics, many of us, including myself, passed the FAA written exam on the first attempt. I feel well prepared and confident as I work toward my own upcoming stage checks. Beyond the classroom, he encourages us to think about our future careers, offering guidance on internships and the many paths available in aviation. Hearing his stories about the variety of opportunities, law enforcement aviation included, has been especially inspiring and shows just how many directions a pilot's career can take. Professor Solosky is consistently prepared, starts and ends class on time, and fosters a positive, respectful atmosphere where everyone feels comfortable asking questions. Because of his extensive knowledge, patience, mentorship, and genuine commitment to his students' growth, he fully deserves recognition with the Flight Training Experience Award. I am grateful for the confidence and motivation Professor Solosky has given me as I continue my own flight-training journey.

90.00 Instructor Solosky is one of the best educators I've had the pleasure of learning from. Across all of the dozens of teachers, instructors, and other people I've met through my time in education he is one of the very few I would consider great. Mr. Solosky cares about everyone of his students, even after they have completed their time with him. He wants every single one of his students to succeed, and during lessons with him we often hear stories of past students he still keeps up with, and their successes in the aviation world. In lessons he tells us important things he has learned during his extensive experience in the aviation world, and did more than just read of the slides, creating lessons that help the knowledge stick. For my PPL written I felt that he prepared me and my fellow students to pass with high scores, and I felt personally that even if I hadn't studied my score would have been just as high, thanks to him. Having Mr. Solosky as an instructor was a pleasure and I would gladly take his course again in the future if I could, and it is for this reason, and the ones above I believe he should win the Flight Training Experience Award.

88.00 Prof. Solosky is a great professor, his patience for his students and his passion for teaching aviation makes him not only a great professor but also the perfect person to be awarded the Flight Training Experience Award.

90.00 This instructor should win a flight training experience award because he goes above and beyond to make every lesson clear, understanding, and engaging. He adapts his teaching to my learning style, builds my confidence on the ground, and genuinely cares about my flight training.

90.00 Mr. Solosky is by far the most outstanding mentor I have encountered throughout my aviation journey. My name is Daniel Mosquea, and I am currently a professional pilot student at Farmingdale State College and a licensed private pilot. Achieving this milestone would not have been possible without Professor Solosky's unwavering guidance and support. He played a pivotal role in preparing me for my private pilot written exam, and I attribute much of my success to his patience, kindness, and deep knowledge of the aviation industry. When I first entered Farmingdale's program, I was hesitant about pursuing aviation professionally. Flying had always fascinated me, but the workload and complexity seemed overwhelming. I still remember the first time I looked at a sectional chart and felt like giving up. Yet, it was Professor Solosky who gave me the confidence to move forward. From day one, he came fully prepared—providing detailed slides, videos, a clear and organized syllabus, and a well-structured class that set realistic expectations. Beyond the classroom, he was always accessible, offering multiple methods of contact and flexible meeting times to accommodate everyone's schedule. It was during these one-on-one sessions that his patience truly shined, as he carefully answered every question—no matter how small—with clarity and encouragement. Through his instruction and advisement, including recommending tools like King Schools, I was able to excel on my FAA private pilot written exam with a strong score. Because of the solid foundation of knowledge he instilled in me, I was able to transition into flight training with confidence. Within six months, I went from passing my written exam to earning my private pilot certificate—a transformation from being unsure about the field to thriving in it. I am certain I could not have accomplished this without Professor Solosky's mentorship. His guidance, patience, instruction, and—most importantly—his kindness have shaped me into a confident pilot. For these reasons, I wholeheartedly believe he is deserving of the Flight Training Experience Award. His impact on my growth and success will stay with me for a lifetime, and for that, I will always be grateful.

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| 85.00 | <p>I can't image that I could have had a better experience with any other instructor. for Ground School. Ken Solosky was my Ground School Instructor at Nassau Flyers while I attended online classes from January to March of 2025. Ken more than sufficiently covered the ground school class materials but made the entire experience enjoyable with sharing with the class his aviation experiences and inviting other classmates to share details of their respective personal journey of learning to become a private pilot. Ken would always make himself available to his students between weekly classes for ground school questions or general aviation questions. Ken sincerely enjoys sharing his aviation knowledge with his student and would frequently say that we have him as a resource for life. It is for these reasons Ken Solosky should win a Flight Training Experience Award.</p> |
| 90.00 | <p>Ken is a great teacher and his passion for aviation is inspiring.</p> |
| 87.00 | <p>Kenneth Solosky should receive this award because he goes above and beyond for his students!! He is always willing to stay after, come early, meet virtually, and always offers real-world experience. Solosky knows how to help students and treats all equally. He portrays himself in a professional manner at all times, but also is able to connect with his students since he is filled with knowledge about the aviation industry. His resume speaks for itself!! He is an amazing ground instructor and I hope to be in his class again soon!</p> |
| 90.00 | <p>He showed genuine concern for the students. He did not teach to the test but made sure you understood the concepts. He answered all questions and did not move on until everyone understood the material. He gave his personal email and cell phone number and offered extra help at anytime. He made the training seem personalized not cookie cutter. He shared his knowledge and experiences which made the class more interesting. The instructor's enthusiasm for flying has peaked my interest and I am considering moving further in flight training beyond UAS.</p> |
| 89.00 | <p>To whom it may concern; I would respectfully submit that Mr. Ken Solosky be selected for the 2026 AOPA Flight Training Experience Award. I initially met Ken as a Ground School Instructor at Nassau Flyers in 2019. His lifelong passion for aviation was immediately apparent to myself and my classmates. As time passed his ability to impart knowledge born of experience, good judgement and a sincere desire to contribute to a culture of safety and excellence became apparent. I did initially pass my F.A.A Private Pilot Written Exam on my first attempt however COVID and issues obtaining a medical delayed my flying for approximately two years. During my second tenure at ground school I sought Ken's advice in navigating the special issuance process for my medical . I was very frustrated with the bureaucratic delays inherent in the process. I confided in Ken and asked for his opinion as to whether or not the time estimates I was getting from multiple sources seemed credible and if I had made a good decision in pursuing the special issuance process. Ken had reassured me that being honest was the best course of action in the long run and that what I was going through would be worth it. I did indeed receive a first class medical and have peace of mind as a result. The decision was ultimately mine to make however the support I received from Ken made a difficult issue much easier to manage. In summary I would have to say Ken is most deserving of your consideration because of his fraternity, generosity and commitment to a culture of safety, excellence and fellowship. Should you wish to discuss my recommendation further please feel free to contact me at 631-807-1949. Your time and consideration in this matter are greatly appreciated. Sincerely, John G. Refior /jgr. Cc file</p> |
| 90.00 | <p>This instructor should win the Flight Training Experience Award because he makes learning aviation both enjoyable and effective. Professor Solosky is an outstanding role model who has guided me and my classmates toward success. He tailors his teaching to each student, simplifying complex concepts and ensuring understanding, while his uplifting personality fosters confidence and growth in every aspect of training.</p> |
| 90.00 | <p>I believe he should win a flight training experience award because not many people have the skills to teach, but I can say with certainty that Professor Solosky has great teaching skills. Thanks to him, I learned to have confidence in myself, to keep studying and never give up, and I learned that there is more than one way to understand things because each student has his or her own way of learning.</p> |
| 87.00 | <p>I believe Ken Solosky should win the training Experience award for sure. Ken is a very very nice guy and his ground school classes are so awesome. He's very very knowledgeable and he's always very professional in whatever questions the students have. I took his ground school course twice. My first certificate expired on me due to the Covid outbreak and life in general. I passed his course both times. He definitely has a HUGE love of flying and teaching as well. Good luck Ken 🙌 Keep Em Flying 🚀🚀</p> |

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| 86.00 | Kenneth Solosky is an instructor whom students can only dream of having. He is a very informative, engaging, and knowledgeable instructor who does not shy away from helping his students, regardless of any topic. Solosky sees it through to make sure no one is falling behind and goes above and beyond to offer students extra help to make them achieve their desired goals or understanding. On top of this, Solosky's active and past history in aviation only enhances his teaching and offers students a much bigger understanding of the complex world of aviation, and teaches students and aspiring pilots more about aviation than a simple PowerPoint or textbook. |
| 90.00 | Mr. Solosky is an experienced flight instructor who provides very good details in his training and instruction. I find this to be very valuable to my learning. I trust Mr. Solosky's knowledge and judgement. I feel that I am receiving a quality education in a way that is easy to understand and grasp. You can see the happiness that teaching gives Mr. Solosky to his students, which is very inspiring! |

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: **64%**

Regional Average: **86**

Your regional percentile ranking: **63%**

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

National Average: **87**

Your national percentile ranking: **70%**

Regional Average: **87**

Your regional percentile ranking: **72%**

5. SubScore Summary for at KFRG

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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 | 99 | 98 |
| Customer Focus | 100 | 97 |
| Community | 95 | 92 |
| Information Sharing | 96 | 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: **99**

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

National Average: 98

Your national percentile ranking: 53%

Regional Average: 98

Your regional percentile ranking: 49%

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

National Average: 99

Your national percentile ranking: 59%

Regional Average: 99

Your regional percentile ranking: 58%

6.3 Responses per Question

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

| Response Choice | Frequency | % |
|-----------------|-----------|--------|
| Strongly Agree | 17 | 94.44% |
| Somewhat Agree | 1 | 5.56% |

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

| Response Choice | Frequency | % |
|-----------------|-----------|------|
| Strongly Agree | 18 | 100% |

I felt safe flying with my CFI.

| Response Choice | Frequency | % |
|-----------------|-----------|------|
| Strongly Agree | 18 | 100% |

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

| Response Choice | Frequency | % |
|-----------------|-----------|--------|
| Strongly Agree | 17 | 94.44% |

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: 97

Your national percentile ranking: 64%

Regional Average: 97

Your regional percentile ranking: 59%

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

National Average: 98

Your national percentile ranking: 75%

Regional Average: 98

Your regional percentile ranking: 76%

7.3 Responses per Question

My CFI patiently helped me understand difficult concepts.

| Response Choice | Frequency | % |
|-----------------|-----------|------|
| Strongly Agree | 18 | 100% |

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

| Response Choice | Frequency | % |
|-----------------|-----------|--------|
| Strongly Agree | 17 | 94.44% |
| Somewhat Agree | 1 | 5.56% |

My CFI was not invested in my success.

| Response Choice | Frequency | % |
|-------------------|-----------|------|
| Strongly Disagree | 18 | 100% |

My CFI was reliable and on-time for scheduled lessons

| Response Choice | Frequency | % |
|-----------------|-----------|------|
| Strongly Agree | 18 | 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: 55%

Regional Average: 92

Your regional percentile ranking: 52%

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

National Average: 94

Your national percentile ranking: 59%

Regional Average: 94

Your regional percentile ranking: 57%

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 | 18 | 100% |

My instructor expressed that people like me should not fly.

| Response Choice | Frequency | % |
|----------------------------|-----------|--------|
| Strongly Agree | 2 | 11.11% |
| Somewhat Agree | 1 | 5.56% |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 1 | 5.56% |
| Strongly Disagree | 14 | 77.78% |

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

| Response Choice | Frequency | % |
|----------------------------|-----------|--------|
| Strongly Agree | 15 | 83.33% |
| Somewhat Agree | 2 | 11.11% |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 1 | 5.56% |

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 | 16 | 88.89% |
| Somewhat Agree | 2 | 11.11% |

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: 96

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

National Average: 94

Your national percentile ranking: 52%

Regional Average: 94

Your regional percentile ranking: 49%

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

National Average: 95

Your national percentile ranking: 57%

Regional Average: 95

Your regional percentile ranking: 62%

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 | 18 | 100% |

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

| Response Choice | Frequency | % |
|----------------------------|-----------|--------|
| Neither agree nor disagree | 2 | 11.11% |
| Somewhat Disagree | 2 | 11.11% |
| Strongly Disagree | 14 | 77.78% |

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

| Response Choice | Frequency | % |
|-------------------|-----------|--------|
| Strongly Agree | 1 | 5.56% |
| Somewhat Disagree | 2 | 11.11% |
| Strongly Disagree | 15 | 83.33% |

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 | 83.33% |
| Somewhat Agree | 3 | 16.67% |

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 | 18 | 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 | 18 | 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: 96

Your regional percentile ranking: 56%

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

National Average: 97

Your national percentile ranking: 62%

Regional Average: 98

Your regional percentile ranking: 58%