Report for Richard Blamer at 7G8

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 9 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
85.00	Ric exemplifies the aviation community. He is extremely professional in his approach and he cares deeply about his students success. He encourages many of his students by being in charge of the young eagles flight experience at 7g8. He works with local school districts to encourage exploration of aviation careers and then he helps us old guys knock off rust and maintain proficiency. He is tough when needed, strategic in his approach and a superb leader/mentor.
90.00	Rick dedicates all of his available time for the furtherance of general aviation and its active participants and community alike. He brings valuable experience and knowledge that makes him invaluable to the growth of new pilots.
88.00	Ric has the patience and ability to teach all different walks and ages of life. I am in my 50's which requires different training than someone in their 20's. He was able to pull my skills and teach me in a way I was capable of understanding. Another comment on Ric's abilities...The DPE said I had one of the better Steep Turns he has seen. He also told me the Emergency Decent might have been the best one he has ever seen. I am NOT making the statement to brag. I wasn't great on everything. I was to ACS Standards as Ric focuses on. I have heard from Ric, "Make Sure You Are To ACS Standards" more times than I know. A relationship with a flight instructor is much more than any other teacher or professor I have learned from in my life. A PPL is a life chaning and humbling adventure. I am very happy Ric was the instructor I took the adventure with. I will be using Ric for my instrument rating so that should really solidify my praise for Ric.

80.00	Ric is almost always available to talk, even if you are not scheduled with him, in the cockpit he is calm. His teaching methods allow you to make controlled mistakes that make you a better pilot. Ric is always positive during flight training and has his students well being in mind at all times.
88.00	Ric exemplifies the qualities of an outstanding Certified Flight Instructor. He approaches every student with patience, professionalism, and genuine care for their individual progress. What truly sets Ric apart is his commitment to tailoring each student's training to their unique learning style and pace. Rather than following a one-size-fits-all approach, he customizes the curriculum to meet each student's goals and strengths, ensuring they not only pass their checkrides but also become safe, confident, and knowledgeable pilots. Ric's motivation for instructing comes from a deep love of aviation and a passion for sharing that with others—not from building flight hours. His enthusiasm is contagious, and his dedication creates an environment where students feel supported, encouraged, and inspired to excel. I can confidently say that Ric Blamer has made a lasting positive impact on his students and the aviation community.
90.00	He is very patient and thorough with his flight instructions. Easy to learn from his teaching methods. Share's his passion for flying which inspires you to learn.
85.00	Ric has a great way of connecting and welcoming students. He has organized Young Eagle events and EAA summer student weeks.
86.00	Ric has hours of practical experience which provide guidance via real stories to those of us who are students. These stories bring home the importance of the training he is teaching on the ground briefing before the flight and during the flight.
86.00	Ric Blamer is a patient and good-humored instructor, especially to put up with an idiot like myself. He is knowledgable in the skills of flying the airplane and the technical aspects of the ever-changing avionics. I have had either cranky old bastards as instructors or young ones that were not thorough in letting you out on your own, Ric makes sure you familiar with all that will keep you safe and qualified.

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: 86

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

National Average: 86
Your national percentile ranking: 22%

Regional Average: 85
Your regional percentile ranking: 37%

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

National Average: 87
Your national percentile ranking: 18%

Regional Average: 87
Your regional percentile ranking: 21%

5. SubScore Summary for at 7G8

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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	99	97
Community	92	92
Information Sharing	92	94
NetPromoter Score	100	95
Overall Total	96	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: 99
Your regional percentile ranking: 47%

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: 36%

6.3 Responses per Question

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

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	9	100%

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

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	8	88.89%
Somewhat Agree	1	11.11%

I felt safe flying with my CFI.

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	9	100%

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

Response Choice	Frequency	%

Strongly Agree	9	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: 99

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

National Average: 97
Your national percentile ranking: 47%

Regional Average: 95
Your regional percentile ranking: 50%

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

National Average: 98
Your national percentile ranking: 60%

Regional Average: 98
Your regional percentile ranking: 50%

7.3 Responses per Question

My CFI patiently helped me understand difficult concepts.

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	8	88.89%
Somewhat Agree	1	11.11%

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

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	9	100%

My CFI was not invested in my success.

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Disagree	9	100%

My CFI was reliable and on-time for scheduled lessons

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	8	88.89%
Somewhat Agree	1	11.11%

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: 92

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

National Average: 92
Your national percentile ranking: 27%

Regional Average: 91
Your regional percentile ranking: 37%

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

National Average: 94
Your national percentile ranking: 22%

Regional Average: 94
Your regional percentile ranking: 21%

8.3 Responses per Question

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

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	8	88.89%
Somewhat Agree	1	11.11%

My instructor expressed that people like me should not fly.

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Neither agree nor disagree	4	44.44%
Strongly Disagree	5	55.56%

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

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Strongly Agree	7	77.78%
Somewhat Agree	2	22.22%

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	6	66.67%

Somewhat Agree	3	33.33%

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: 92

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

National Average: 94
Your national percentile ranking: 16%

Regional Average: 92
Your regional percentile ranking: 37%

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

National Average: 95
Your national percentile ranking: 15%

Regional Average: 95
Your regional percentile ranking: 21%

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	8	88.89%
Somewhat Agree	1	11.11%

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

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Neither agree nor disagree	5	55.56%
Somewhat Disagree	2	22.22%
Strongly Disagree	2	22.22%

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

Response Choice	Frequency	%
Somewhat Disagree	1	11.11%
Strongly Disagree	8	88.89%

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	9	100%

10.Net Promoter Score

10.1 Questionaire 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	8	88.89%
9	1	11.11%

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	9	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%