

2026

Virginia Aviation

Awards

NOMINATION FORMS

NEW NOMINATION DEADLINE: MAY 22, 2026



AIRPORT MANAGER OF THE YEAR

PERSON OF THE YEAR

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Do you know someone who has achieved something extraordinary this year?

QUALIFICATIONS:

Any person who has provided a service in any field of aviation can be nominated for our Virginia Aviation Awards.

Example services for nominees include: airport development and improvement, community relations, aviation education, promotion, safety services, aviation technology, aviation policies, flight instructing, aircraft maintenance, and aviation events.

It is possible to qualify for all 3 awards so we encourage you to nominate individuals for each category they qualify for.

Applications can be sent to the Virginia Department of Aviation or emailed to anthony.sotelo@doav.virginia.gov by 5pm on May 22, 2026. A committee will review the nominations and make a selection based upon qualifications.

Thank you so much for your help in identifying those who deserve to be recognized within the aviation field!



AIRPORT MANAGER OF THE YEAR - NOMINATION FORM

The nominated individual must currently be or have been within the last year (June 1, 2025 - May 22, 2026) the manager of a public use airport in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Please include a description of the nominee's experience and background information, along with their achievements, special projects, or other accomplishments over this past year. Nomination deadline is May 22, 2026.

Nominee Information

Name _____

Title _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____ Cell _____ Home _____ (check one)

Work Number (_____) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Home Airport _____

Significant Achievements made by this individual during the year 2025-2026:

Background Information: (Aviation experience, community involvement, education, etc.)

Nominator Information

Name _____

Title _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____

Email _____

Please attach any additional information to this form and submit to: Virginia Department of Aviation, Attn: Virginia Aviation Awards, 5702 Gulfstream Road, Richmond, Virginia 23250-2422. Or you can scan these documents and email: anthony.sotelo@doav.virginia.gov

PERSON OF THE YEAR - NOMINATION FORM

The nominated individual must have made significant contribution(s) to aviation in Virginia within the past year (June 1, 2025 - May 22, 2026). Individuals may have made contributions in any area of aviation and are not limited to airport employees only. You are encouraged to nominate those who have achievements in airport development and improvement, community relations, aviation education, flight instructing, promotion, safety services, aviation technology, aviation policies, aircraft maintenance, and aviation events. Nomination Deadline is May 22, 2026.

Nominee Information

Name _____

Title _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____ Cell _____ Home _____ (check one)

Work number (_____) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Home Airport _____

Significant achievements made by this individual during the year 2025-26:

Background Information: (aviation experience, community involvement, education, etc.)

Nominator Information

Name _____

Title _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____

E-Mail _____

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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - NOMINATION FORM

The nominated individual must have an established history of making significant contributions to aviation in Virginia over a period of years. You are encouraged to nominate those who have achievements in airport development and improvement, community relations, aviation education, flight instructing, promotion, safety services, aviation technology, aviation policies, aircraft maintenance, and aviation events. Nomination deadline is May 22, 2026.

Nominee Information

Name _____
Title _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Telephone Number (_____) _____ Cell _____ Home _____ (check one)
Work Number (_____) _____
E-Mail Address _____
Home Airport _____

Significant Achievements made by this individual:

Background Information: (Aviation experience, community involvement, education, etc.)

Nominator Information

Name _____
Title _____
Telephone Number (_____) _____
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