



Dear Industry Professional:

Congratulations! You have been nominated by one of your peers for a Salute to Excellence Award.

For more than 60 years, Vertical Aviation International (VAI) has recognized outstanding achievement in the vertical aviation industry through its Salute to Excellence Awards program. By honoring the exceptional merit of an individual or organization, these awards encourage the highest standards of professionalism in the international vertical flight and uncrewed aircraft system (UAS) industry.

In order for VAI to forward your nomination materials to the judges, we must include this signed form with the nomination. You must also be willing to provide biographical material to VAI, including photos and video. Barring unexpected circumstances, VAI will notify you about your nomination status in November 2024.

This year's Salute to Excellence Award ceremony will be held at VERTICON 2025 in Dallas, Texas. VAI requires Salute to Excellence honorees to accept their award in person at the show in Dallas or designate a representative to do so on their behalf. VAI will provide the following complimentary items for the honoree and one guest:

- ▶ Round-trip coach airfare
- ▶ VERTICON registration
- ▶ Hotel accommodations (one room to share for 3 nights)

Please complete the acknowledgment form below and return it to your nominator or VAI with your nomination. Nominations may be submitted by email or postal mail to VAI and are due by Sep. 30, 2024.

Nominee Acknowledgment Form

I wish to be considered for this Salute to Excellence Award (please select ONE award from the list below). I understand that, if selected, I must accept the award in person at VERTICON in Dallas, Texas, or designate a representative to do so on my behalf. I will also provide VAI with requested biographical materials, including photos and video.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Harold Summers Legacy Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Humanitarian Service Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew S. Zuccaro Land & LIVE Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Achievement Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pilot of the Year Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Golden Hour Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> W.A. "Dub" Blessing Flight Instructor of the Year Award | |

I have been nominated for this award by *(please print name)* _____

Nominee Signature *(required)* _____

Nominee Name *(required, please print)* _____

Please return to: Vertical Aviation International, 1920 Ballenger Ave., 4th Flr., Alexandria, VA 22314 / Salute@verticalavi.org