



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. By honoring the exceptional merit of an individual or organization, these awards encourage the highest standards of professionalism in the international vertical flight industry.

For VAI to forward your nomination materials to the judges, we must include this signed acknowledgment form. 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 Sept. 2026.

This year’s Salute to Excellence Award ceremony will be held at VERTICON 2027 in Anaheim, Calif. USA. VAI requires Salute to Excellence honorees to accept their award in person at the show in Anaheim 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).

To be considered for a Salute award, please complete the acknowledgment form below and return to VAI by Aug. 31, 2026, via postal mail or email (addresses are at the bottom of the form).

Nominee Acknowledgment

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 2026 in Atlanta, Georgia, 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"/> Communications Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew S. Zuccaro Land & LIVE Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golden Hour Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Achievement Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harold Summers Legacy Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Pilot of the Year Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Humanitarian Service Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement Award | <input type="checkbox"/> W.A. “Dub” Blessing Flight Instructor of the Year Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Award | |

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

Nominee Signature (required) _____

Nominee Printed Name (required) _____

Please return to: **VAI, 1920 Ballenger Ave., 4th Flr., Alexandria, VA 22314, USA / Salute@verticalavi.org**