



2027 Entry Criteria

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Col Pay Award for Lifetime of Service to General Aviation

This award recognises the person who has contributed significantly to the GA sector over a long period. It is the highest of the Wings Awards.

SUBMISSION GUIDANCE

Tips to help you with your application

- Please answer the questions in the [online nomination form](#).
- Take the time to read through the judging criteria (see below) before you begin your submission.
- While broad statements of support may be included, specific examples that demonstrate how the nominee has met or exceeded the judging criteria (see below) will be of most value.
- Consider examples that demonstrate how the nominee is different, special or innovative.
- If relevant, supply data showing measurable results.
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JUDGING CRITERIA

What we are looking for

The nominee will have:

- served the GA industry for many years (nominally more than 10 years)
- contributed to the growth and development of the sector in significant and identifiable ways
- always sought the highest standards of safety and innovation for the sector
- consistently displayed the highest standards of personal conduct that has engendered a high level of peer respect in the GA and general community
- been a visible and active champion of the sector at a senior level.

PROCESS

- The award is the highest recognition granted for exemplary service over a long period of time.
- There will be only one recipient each year.
- There is no obligation to grant an award each year and there may well be several years between awards.
- Nominations may only be made by individuals who personally know the candidate well, or who are very familiar with the candidate's contribution to the GA sector.
- Self-nomination is acceptable.
- Once agreed, *Australian Flying* will discuss the award with the candidate to ensure they agree with the granting of the award. If so then it will be announced. If not, the matter is closed.
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GA Flying Training Organisation of the Year

This award recognises the flying training organisation which has contributed most significantly to the GA sector.

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JUDGING CRITERIA

What we are looking for

The organisation will:

- meet the highest standards of safety and innovation for the GA sector
- provide new and innovative value to the sector and to the aviation industry
- contribute to the growth and development of the sector in significant and identifiable ways
- meet all regulatory and operational requirements
- show evidence of successful implementation of strategic plans.

PROCESS

- There will be only one recipient each year.
- There is no obligation to grant an award each year and there may well be several years between awards.
- Nominations may only be made by individuals who personally know the organisation well, or who are familiar with the organisation's contribution to the GA sector.
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Aero Club of the Year

This award recognises the aero club that has contributed significantly to the improvement of flying over the past 12 months.

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JUDGING CRITERIA

What we are looking for

Nominations must highlight the contribution of the club as well as the club's dedication to high standards.

Evidence of successful operations is essential.

The aero club will:

- meet the highest standards of safety and innovation for the GA sector
- provide consistent and innovative value to the sector and to the aviation industry in Australia
- contribute to the growth and development of the sector in significant and identifiable ways.
- have contributed in some specific way to the advancement of general aviation in the past 12 months
- meet all aviation and corporate regulatory and operational requirements to the highest standards.

PROCESS

- There will be only one recipient each year.
- There is no obligation to grant an award each year and there may well be several years between awards.
- Nominations may only be made by individuals who personally know the aero club, or who are very familiar with the club's contribution to the GA sector.
- Self-nomination is acceptable.
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GA Flying Instructor of the Year

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What we are looking for

- The award is granted for exemplary service in the past 12 months but will take into consideration the candidate's contribution over longer periods of time.
- The decision will be based on a pragmatic review of the contribution by the candidate beyond the norm and the respect with which they are held by their peers.

PROCESS

- There will be only one recipient each year.
- There is no obligation to grant an award each year and there may well be several years between awards.
- Where the recipient has served as a member of a group or team that team may be recognised but only the recipient will be granted the award.
- Nominations may only be made by individuals who personally know the candidate well, or who are very familiar with the candidate's contribution to the GA flying training sector.
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Young Achiever of the Year

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What we are looking for

The candidate will:

- be aged under 25 years old when the nomination is submitted
- display a high level of dedication to their chosen field and a willingness to work hard
- stand out from their peers in terms of developing an understanding of the culture of GA and how their field fits that culture
- have the respect of their peers and demonstrate a willingness to lead and encourage others
- display a high level of professionalism commensurate with their experience level.
- The candidate must display potential to achieve a high level of qualification within their chosen field.

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GA Business of the Year

This award recognises a business' achievements over the past year. Judges may also consider its longer-term contribution to the sector.

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The business:

- has delivered consistent, high-quality service to general aviation customers, with evidence of customer satisfaction and/or repeat business
- can show growth, innovation or adaptability, such as new services, new capability, expansion or a creative response to challenges
- has invested in its people through training, apprenticeships, mentoring or staff development
- has contributed in a positive way to the advancement of general aviation

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