



The 2024-2025 Gary Hemphill “Spirit of NIFA” Award Application Criteria

IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ BEFORE OPENING APPLICATION LINK!

The application will be completed and submitted through Google Forms. Once started, the full application must be completed. There is no functionality to save your progress and return later. Please review the outline below, which indicates items requested in the application. Preparing in advance and having ALL requested information and documents on hand will allow the application to be submitted in one sitting.

Take note of highlighted sections, which require a file to be uploaded in the application.

Personal Information

- Name
- Email & Phone Number
- Mailing Address & Current Residence (if different from Mailing Address)

Education

For your current NIFA member school (or alma mater, if recent graduate), AND any previous college(s) attended:

- Year in this school, based on credits
- Start date at this school
- Actual/Projected graduation date, or date last attended
- Major/Course of Study, GPA scale, Cumulative GPA
- Transcript - file upload - (document, pdf, or image; max 5 files; max 10GB)*

History of Records

Educational Records

- Are you currently in good academic standing with your college / university / flight school?

Driver Records

- Do you currently possess a valid driver's license?

Pilot Records (if applicable)

- Do you currently hold a valid FAA pilot certificate?
- Have you ever been removed from flight status at any school or job?

Pilot Experience (if applicable)

- Pilot Qualifications
 - Pilot Certificate(s), Rating(s), and Endorsement(s) held
 - Instructor Certificate(s) and Rating(s) held
- Aeromedical Information - do you hold a current medical?
- Flight Times (only FLIGHT - no FTD or Sim time)
 - Total Flight Time
 - Total Dual Received Time
 - Total PIC Time
 - Total Dual Given Time
 - Most recent page of your logbook, showing times forwarded from previous page totals - file upload - (document, pdf, or image; max 5 files; max 10GB)
- Currency
 - Total time in last 12 calendar months
- Additional Flight Activity - aside from flight training received or given, please list any additional flying you have accomplished. (Examples include: flight team events, banner towing, aerial survey, charitable flights, aerobatics, soaring, Air Race Classic, Civil Air Patrol, flying to Oshkosh, etc.)

Non-Piloting Aviation Experience

- Please describe your involvement with any aviation organizations. Include your dates of involvement, activities participated in, and any leadership positions held.

NIFA Experience

- Select any schools you have competed for or coached at
- List all Regional & National SAFECOs you have participated in
- Select all EVENTS you have competed in at a Regional or National SAFECO
- Select all EVENTS you have PLACED in the Top 5 contestants at a Regional SAFECO and/or Top 10 contestants at a National SAFECO
- Select any AWARDS you have competed for and/or won at a National SAFECO
- Have you ever been a leader on your flight team (e.g. Officer, Captain, event Captain, Fundraising Chair etc.) If yes, please provide title, duration, and duties.
- Have you ever competed in, or volunteered in, a Region outside of your current school's? (i.e. previous school involvement, volunteered at a National SAFECO even if your team did not qualify, etc.)
- Have you ever been a host school/organization SAFECO Officer, as outlined in the NIFA bylaws (e.g. President, Director of Competition, Director of Conference, etc.)?
- Have you ever been a NIFA Council Student Representative?
- Select any other NIFA activities you have participated in

Volunteerism & Employment

Please describe any time you have spent as a volunteer and/or any jobs held in high school through present day. Enter the following for each:

- Name of Organization or Employer
- Position or Duties
- Dates of Involvement
- Why you chose this volunteer/employment position

Awards & Accomplishments

Please use this section to highlight any other awards, achievements, or relevant involvement not previously provided. Please limit information in high school and beyond. If applicable, provide information in the following format:

- Name of Organization
- Award Name/Title
- Level of Involvement
- Your Title
- Applicable Dates

Short Answer

In one paragraph or less per answer, please provide your thoughts on the following questions:

- Aside from participation in practice and competitions, please describe how you contribute to the success and sustainability of your school's flight team.
- What is your favorite non-competitive event or aspect about SAFECON?
- To ensure continuance of the NIFA tradition of excellence in aviation and see through Gary's mission of making NIFA relevant for future generations, how do you think you could contribute to this effort?

References

Please provide a PERSONAL reference who can attest to your character, a PROFESSIONAL reference who can attest to your aviation experience, and your team's HEAD COACH who can attest to your NIFA involvement. Please enter the following for each reference below:

- Name
- Title or Association
- Phone Number
- Email Address

Video Submission - **max 10GB**

This Award was created in honor of long time NIFA volunteer and Executive Director, Gary Hemphill. Gary was dedicated to serving the members of NIFA and ensuring the mission of the organization carried on throughout the years. His servant leadership serves as an example to us all and is the reason NIFA exists today.

- Please provide a brief 2-3 minute video to introduce yourself to the Award Committee and tell us why you embody the Spirit of NIFA. Information previously provided in the application need not be repeated in detail unless it is relevant to your specific message.