

FAASTeam Representative of the Year

A FAASTeam Representative (Rep) is an individual dedicated to promoting aviation safety. They voluntarily serve as assistants to the FAASTeam Program Manager (FPM). They act as a liaison for their community with local FAA facilities. Reps act as safety advisors to the aviation community, and do so without designated regulatory authority. A Rep **MUST** have an interest in aviation safety, professional knowledge, a personal reputation in the community, and the ability to donate freely of their time and talents on behalf of the FAASTeam. They have the ability to work and coordinate well with others, and exhibit leadership qualities. A Rep is not required to hold FAA airman certificates. For more information about a FAASTeam Rep, visit:

https://www.faasafety.gov/files/notices/2013/Sep/Rep/Representative_Manual_130822.pdf

More so than the other GA Award categories, the Rep of the Year **MUST** serve pro-bono – that is, without charge. It is the pro-bono aspect that makes the Rep accessible to everyone. As a judge, your highest scores should be given to those pro-bono services that influence aviation safety to the widest possible aviation-community, rather than to only one particular organization or airport.

Reps often hold certifications as maintenance or avionics technicians and flight instructors. These credentials are important as they provide the Rep with a platform to spread the FAASTeam philosophy. However, activities such as routine inspection and repair or flight and ground instruction should not define the Rep of the Year. The Rep of the Year is chosen based on his/her activities in assisting the FPM and achieving the goals of the FAASTeam organization.

As a judge in this category, your highest scores **MUST** be assigned to those activities specifically identified in the “FAAST Representative Manual” and completed in the past five years. There is a large variety of activities that a Rep could be involved. Seldom do we find a Rep who works with *all* activities ... rather; Reps tend to specialize in one type of activity. One Rep may be consistent with monthly safety seminars while another is consistently producing aviation-safety products. Thus, your highest scores should be awarded for consistency. Rep activities identified by the FAA may include:

- Hosting and/or participating in safety programs and activities.
- Participating in local safety committees.
- Assisting pilots, maintenance technicians, and aviation organizations in establishing and maintaining a high level of safety awareness.
- Aiding in the dissemination of changes to regulations, Airworthiness Directives, safety bulletins, malfunction and defect reports, and/or operational procedures.
- Providing individual remedial training and/or counseling on behalf of the FAA.
- Identifying hazards or unsafe conditions with regard to airmen, aircraft, airports, the national airspace system; and, make recommendations.
- Distributing educational materials, publicizing program events, and rendering other general support services.
- Assisting the FPM by mentoring and/or training other FAASTeam Reps.

- Assisting the FPM with transmitting safety information and the development of new safety products.
- Assisting the FPM with the selection of candidates for each category of the GA Awards program.
- Coordinating with the FPM to accomplish the established goals of the FAASTeam.
- Encouraging pilots to participate in the WINGS Pilot Proficiency Program and Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award.
- Encouraging maintenance technicians to participate in the AMT Awards Program and Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award.
- Publishing aviation safety articles in newsletter, magazines or journals.
- Producing various aviation-safety teaching materials.
- Producing aviation-safety oriented computer materials. (websites, online courses, etc)
- Producing aviation-safety audio-visual educational materials (PowerPoints, CDs, DVDs, etc)
- Conducting safety seminars at national conventions, symposiums and /or events
- Suggesting improvements and assist in the development of content for FAASafety.gov.

Because a Rep is a valuable resource to the community, and because aviation is a dynamic and changing industry, the Regional Rep of the Year MUST have completed some type of training to refresh or increase aviation knowledge or skills in the past five years. However because a Rep is not required to hold FAA certifications, a very wide range of aviation-oriented training is acceptable. Listed only as a few examples:

- Any training or education that refreshes or increases airman or instructional knowledge or skills, including annual IA, DPE, FAASTeam Rep training, CFI FIRC, etc.
- Authorizations, accreditations or training given by equipment or tool manufactures such as Cessna, Cirrus, Garmin avionics or Lycoming Engines, and so on.
- Involvement—not just membership—in an aviation organization. This may be a professional organization such as PAMA or AOPA or it may be training initiatives given by IMC Clubs, EAA mentoring, etc.
- Holding a leadership office in an aviation-organization such as the CAP, Pilots-N-Paws or Flying Dentists, etc.
- Attendance at airshows, tradeshow or aviation symposiums.
- WINGS credits

A Lead Rep is a Rep who has demonstrated leadership in safety initiatives. Your highest scores should go to a Rep having been identified as a Lead Rep.

In the end, the Rep of the Year MUST be a champion for aviation safety and a supporter of the FAASTeam objectives; someone of good moral character that you are proud to hold up as an example for other aviation enthusiasts to emulate