

## **Willard G. Plentl Jr. Airport Professional of the Year**

This award has been established in the memory of Willard G. Plentl Jr. who dedicated over 50 years of service to both the spirit and the business of aviation in North Carolina. As a member of the North Carolina Air National Guard, a pilot, and a professional engineer he served as an innovative, collaborative, and dedicated leader for the airport industry throughout North Carolina. Also, as the Director of Aviation for North Carolina, Will was a founding member of the North Carolina Airport Managers Association, the predecessor to the NCAA, where he also became a reliable mentor to airport professionals at commercial service airports, general aviation airports, and airport consulting firms. Above all, Will was a passionate ambassador for all tenets of aviation, increasing the awareness of aviation and its positive impacts statewide. The intent of this award is to annually recognize a single selected professional, working for or serving airports in the state of North Carolina, who emulate Will's contributions and impact to the airport and aviation industry within the state.

### **Eligibility**

The Willard G. Plentl Jr. Airport Professional of the Year Award is open to any airport professional in the state of North Carolina. Nominations must be made by a member of the North Carolina Airports Association, regardless of their membership affiliation (Airport Executive Member, Airport Professional Member, Affiliate Member, or Active Military Member). Nominees may be nominated multiple years, provided they still meet the eligibility requirements and their nomination information is updated with current achievements.

### **Nomination Procedure**

Nominations must be typed, submitted electronically to the Association Business Manager of the NCAA by December 15th of each year and include the following:

1. Coversheet and information on the nominee and person making the nomination (attached).
2. An executive summary of 1000 words or less describing the nominee's contribution to aviation in North Carolina that qualifies him or her for consideration.
3. Point of contact for the individual at their airport for verification of information and/or additional justification.
4. Supporting documents, not to exceed 5 pages, as applicable. Information submitted to the NCAA will not be returned.

### **Evaluation Process**

A committee from the NCAA board and NCDOT Aviation staff shall meet in January to review all of the nominations and select one aviation professional for each year who embody the same characteristics of Will Plentl: leadership, commitment to aviation, and community involvement that expands the awareness of aviation. The traveling trophy will be presented each year at the NCAA conference.

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Nominee:

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Name of Manager at Work:

Contact (phone or email):

Nominator:

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Phone Number:

Email:

NCAA Membership Type:

- Airport Executive Member
- Airport Professional Member
- Active Military Member
- Affiliate Member

This nomination form must be filled out completely for consideration.

Date received by NCAA: