



North Central Section 49½ Award 2026

The North Central Section **49½ Award** recognizes significant others and friends of The 99s who give their time, energy, passion and exceptional contributions to support The Ninety-Nines and our passion for flying. They are frequently the unsung heroes in our midst. Each Chapter is encouraged to nominate an outstanding helping hand to receive this award.

Purpose: The North Central Section 49½ Service Award was created to honor those who support 99s members, whether actively within the organization or individually, or by doing things that allow and encourage the 99 member to actively participate in Chapter, Section, International or aviation activities in general.

Eligibility: All 'significant others' of a current Ninety-Nine are eligible. A 'significant other' can be a family member, a friend of the Chapter, Section or aviation in general, a person or organization whose support is exemplary, even if not outwardly known. *Friends of the 99s* members are eligible.

Note: The nominee does not need to be a pilot. Previous recipients of the award are not eligible.

Dates of Eligibility: From the time the significant other began supporting the Ninety-Nines or the date the member joined The Ninety-Nines until the close of this application period (March 11, 2026).

How to Apply: The Chapter should compose a letter of recommendation stating why their Chapter's nominee is the most deserving candidate. This is a service award, not a flying award; the nominee need not be a pilot. The emphasis should be on the service the person has provided to The Ninety-Nine(s).

Considerations might include:

- Participation in Chapter activities/meetings
- Section meetings attended
- International meetings attended
- Special projects or activities
- Active promotion of The Ninety-Nines and aviation
- Contributions in kind, in time, or in tangible donations
- If the nominee participates in aviation activities, consideration might include:
 - Speaker on an aviation topic to civic or service groups
 - Member of an aviation civic group
 - Participation in safety seminars

Recommendation letters may be sent via email (preferred) to NCS Directors: Dee Dreger and Jeneanne Visser at directors@ncs99s.org or a hard copy may be mailed to:

Jeneanne Visser, 2305 NE 11th St, Grimes, IA 50111

Deadline: All submissions are due to the Directors **POSTMARKED OR EMAILED NO LATER THAN:**
Wednesday, March 11, 2026 (11:59 pm Central)

Other Information: The Award will be presented at the NCS Spring Section meeting in Batavia, OH on March 28, 2026. Let's celebrate the accomplishments of these loyal and dedicated friends of The Ninety-Nines and show our appreciation for their hard work!

For Further Information: Contact Dee Dreger and Jeneanne Visser at directors@ncs99s.org.