Theme
“Design Your Perfect Aircraft”

Have you ever drawn a picture of an airplane, helicopter, or hot air balloon and added some extra details? Maybe, you started drawing a glider and ended up with a superpowered jet that could take you, your favorite pet, and your friends into space. Maybe you mixed and matched, combining the best features of different types of aircraft to create something unique. Every great aviation idea starts in the imagination of a person who wants to see something new in the sky. Drawing from aviation’s past, these visionaries create aviation’s future.

Today’s aircraft are the work of hundreds, sometimes thousands, of people who turn ideas into aircraft that fly. Engineers put ideas onto paper. Manufacturers turn those drawings into real-life parts that get put together and become today’s balloons, gliders, aerobatic planes, microlights, and helicopters. Each new version is improved for safety, aerodynamics, fuel efficiency, or a thousand other major and minor changes that put smiles on the faces of pilots and passengers alike.

What is your perfect aircraft? What would power it through the sky? Would it be big or small? What special features would make pilots and passengers excited to be in the air? Every craft you see in the sky today started with similar questions. Each idea has the chance to change the way gliders soar, helicopters hover, and aerobatic racers rule and swoop through the sky. You might have an idea to change the way hang-gliders look as they sail through the air or improve the controls of today’s modern concords.

If you have ever looked up into the sky and thought, wouldn’t it be great if... this is a challenge for you! Let your imagination soar and create a work of art that fits the theme, “Design your perfect aircraft.” Grab your favorite pens, paints, or crayons and share your vision of the perfect aircraft. Your art today might become an inspiration for tomorrow’s aviation reality.

CONTEST LEVELS

State Awards
Entries in each age group are judged and state winners and runners-up are selected. Winners will receive recognition from the state. The top three entries in each age group are forwarded to Washington, D.C., to be judged in the national competition.

National Awards
The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place national winners from each age group are selected from the state submissions. National winning artwork is forwarded to FAI for the International competition.

International Awards
National winners are forwarded to FAI headquarters.

Contest Deadline
Entries must be received by Monday, January 10, 2022. Entries must be sent to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Aviation Section at the following address: Questions call: (225) 379-3055

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Previous Winner
Kathy Hu

Previous Winner
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