

Texas in Flight

Texas is a place of wide-open skies, iconic landmarks, natural beauty, and aviation history. This year's theme, "Texas in Flight," invites students to combine their creativity, artistic talent, and imagination to showcase flight in uniquely Texan settings.

How Important Is Texas Aviation?

For more than a century, aviation has helped Texans connect, explore, and achieve the impossible. What began with a few daring pioneers has grown into a transportation network that moves millions of people and tons of cargo across our state and around the world. From large commercial airports to local community airfields, aviation helps keep Texas connected every day.

Aviation does much more than provide transportation. Pilots, aircraft, and airports support emergency medical flights, disaster relief efforts, wildfire response, agriculture, law enforcement, and search-and-rescue missions. Aviation also brings jobs and economic opportunities to communities of all sizes, making it an important part of Texas's future.

Pick up your crayons, pencils, paints, or markers and let your imagination take wing. The sky isn't the limit, it's just the beginning of your Texas adventure!

It's your turn

This year's theme, "Texas in Flight," celebrates the people, places, and possibilities that make the Lone Star State unique. Whether you imagine paper airplanes soaring past a hometown landmark, gliders over a state park, or futuristic aircraft above a Texas skyline, we want to see your vision of how flight inspires Texas.



Artwork by Kimberly Huh

Ages 14–17:

1st place: \$100 Gift Card
2nd place: \$75 Gift Card
3rd place: \$50 Gift Card

Ages 10–13:

1st place: \$100 Gift Card
2nd place: \$75 Gift Card
3rd place: \$50 Gift Card

Ages 6–9:

1st place: \$100 Gift Card
2nd place: \$75 Gift Card
3rd place: \$50 Gift Card

Return entries to:

Texas Department of Transportation
Aviation Division
6230 E. Stassney Lane
Austin, Texas 78744
Attn: Becky Vick

The state of Texas will be giving away
additional prizes sponsored by:

National Business
Aviation Association, Inc.



2027 AVIATION ART CONTEST

For ages 6–17



Artwork by Arianna Lara



Contest Information

This Year's Deadline

Entries must be postmarked by February 26, 2027, and must be sent to the return address on this brochure.

This Year's Theme

This year's theme is "Texas In Flight." Artwork will be judged, at least in part, for its creative use of this year's theme in relation to the aviation world.

Eligibility

All children in the age groups shown below are encouraged to participate in the contest, even if they are related to officials or employees of TxDOT or any of its member organizations.

Age Groups

Entries will be judged in three classes (determined by the age of the entrant on December 31, 2026).

I. Ages 6 to 9; **II.** Ages 10-13; **III.** Ages 14-17

State Awards

Entries in each age group will be judged and state winners for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be selected. Winners will receive awards and recognition.



Contest Rules

Artwork Dimensions

Artwork size must be 11x17 inches. 8.5 x 11 entries are NOT eligible. Artwork must NOT be framed, mounted or outlined with borders.

Medium

All artwork must be hand made using any of the following media: Watercolor, acrylic or oil paints, indelible markers, color pencils, felt-tip pens, soft ball-point pens, indelible ink, Crayola or similar indelible mediums.

The following media are NOT permitted: Computer generated artwork or collage work involving the use of photocopies.

Certification

A parent, guardian or art teacher must certify the authenticity of artwork and the age of each artist.

Reproduction Rights

Once received, entries will become and remain the property of the state sponsor and may be used for a variety of purposes.

Sponsors

The 2027 Aviation Art Contest is sponsored by TxDOT to motivate and encourage young people to become more familiar with and participate in aeronautics, engineering and science. For more information, contact TxDOT Aviation Division at 512-416-4500.

Artwork by Yuna Cho

Certificate of Authenticity

Name* (required) please print

☐ 6-9 ☐ 10-13 ☐ 14-17
Date of Birth* (required) Age Group (age on 12-31-2026)

Home Address* (required)

City* State* Zip*

Home Phone Number* (required)

School Name

School Address

City State Zip

School Phone Number

I/We certify that this is the original and unassisted artwork of:

Name of artist

Teacher, parent or guardian's signature* (required)

Teacher, parent or guardian print name here

Certificate signed by artist's:

☐ Teacher ☐ Parent ☐ Guardian

Entries must be postmarked by February 27, 2027.

When affixing this certificate (or a photocopy) to artwork, make sure it is fastened by tape or gluestick (please affix registration form after artwork is completed). In addition, please legibly print the name of the artist on the back of the artwork. Artwork should be sent to your state sponsor's office (see return address on the back of this brochure).

*The artist's date of birth, address and telephone number are required for contest eligibility. Adult certifiers please make certain these fields are filled out correctly.