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## **Enter the 2017 FAI Young Artist Contest and Show Us Your Vision of Flying!**

Lausanne, Switzerland, 27 June 2016 – **Does flying make you dream? Yes? Then pick up your pens, pencils or brushes and enter the 2017 FAI Young Artists Contest to reach for the clouds. The aim is to create a picture that illustrates this year's theme "Beyond the Clouds", and to show us your vision through your eyes!**

Youngsters from three age categories: Junior (6-9), Intermediate (10-13), Senior (14-17) are invited to participate.

### The 2017 Theme: Beyond the Clouds

We live beneath the clouds. We look up and see them stand stationary or speed across the sky. We see them reflect the bright colors of the sunrise or sunset. They turn dark and purple, letting us know a storm is coming. We see almost every aspect of clouds, except what they look like from above.

Above the clouds is a space known only to those who dare to break the bounds of earth. Some soar in hot air balloons, gliders and hang gliders, floating across the sky with the clouds. Others fly in planes, as pilots or passengers, watching the clouds and earth race by below. Specially trained pilots in rugged aircraft fly into storm clouds, taking measurements that help those on the ground predict where the storm will go. Those in helicopters can stand still, like clouds on a still day, or can fly across the sky high and low. Aerobatic pilots love clear skies, so those below can watch their amazing feats of flight. Intrepid aviators on the ground send up weather balloons almost to space, both for science and for the amazing pictures that can be taken only when you get above the clouds.

The world of aviation is always changing as each new generation of pilots and designers bring their vision of flight to the world. Now it's your time to grab your favorite art supplies and turn your imagination loose. Create a work of art that celebrates the adventures and excitement only available in that special place beyond the clouds.

### How to enter the contest?

The contest takes place in two phases, the details of which can be found below. You should first check the details and the deadline for submission of your work by contacting the FAI member in your country. Each country will select the three best illustrations in each category: Junior (6-9), Intermediate (10-13), Senior (14-17) and forward them to the FAI by 1 April 2017. An International Jury will then select the world winners in each category who will be rewarded respectively with Gold, Silver or Bronze FAI medals.

The artwork will be exhibited at the prestigious Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida, USA and may be used by the FAI on other occasions.

### **About the FAI Young Artists Contest**

The FAI Young Artists Contest has been organised every year since 1986. It is an international art contest for youngsters between the ages of 6 and 17.

FAI Members organise either a national competition or another similar process of selection for the young people resident in their respective countries. The national winning paintings are then submitted to the International Jury. A different theme is chosen every year to inspire the young artists and reflect the many facets of air sports.

- [Theme of the FAI Young Artists Contest](#)
- [Rules for the FAI Young Artists Contest](#)
- [History of FAI Young Artists Contest Winners](#)
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#### **About FAI**

The [Fédération Aéronautique Internationale \(FAI\)](#), also known as the World Air Sports Federation, is the world governing body for air sports and for certifying world aviation and space records. The FAI was founded in 1905 and is a non-governmental and non-profit-making organisation recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

FAI activities include Aerobatics, Aeromodelling, Airships, Amateur-Built and Experimental Aircraft, Balloons, Gliding, Hang Gliding, Helicopters, Manpowered Flying, Microlights, Parachuting, Paragliding, Paramotors, Power Flying and all other Aeronautic and Astronautic sporting activities.

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