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**TO:** South Dakota Aeronautics Commission  
**FROM:** Jack Dokken, Office of Aeronautics  
**DATE:** March 19, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** 2026 International Aviation Art Contest

The 2026 Aviation Art Contest was held this year, and the theme was Fly to Save Lives. Our office received 92 pieces of artwork from 10 different schools. The winners listed on the following pages will receive an award, a laminated copy of their submission, and prizes paid for by the Aeronautics fund and the South Dakota Pilots Association. All winning submissions are shown on our website at: <https://dot.sd.gov/transportation/aviation/aerospace-education>.

Pictures of prizes given to winners:

Top 3 winners in each age group



Honorable Mentions



1st place prize for each age group



2nd place prize for each age group



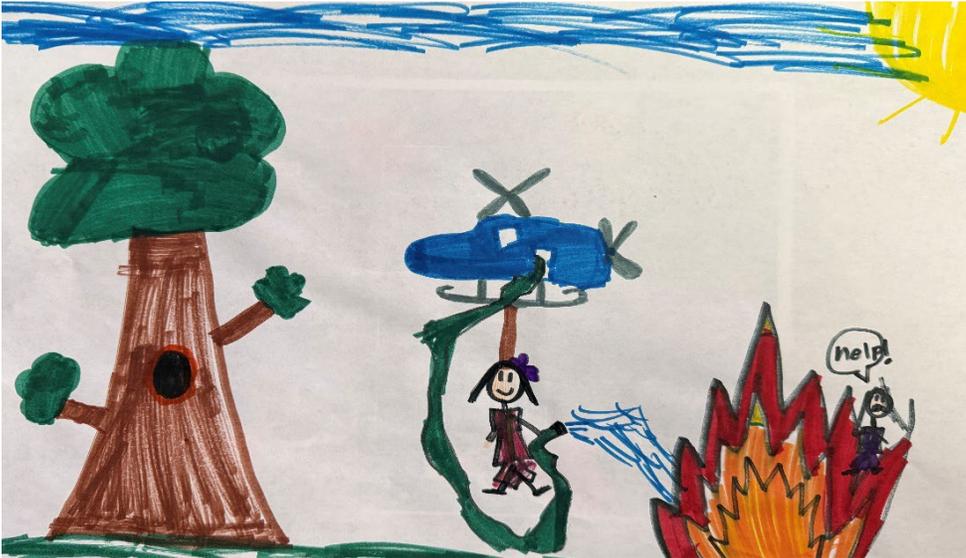
3rd place prize for each age group



# 2026 Aviation Art Contest - "Fly to Save Lives"

## Group 1 - Ages 6-9 (24 entries)

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Madysen, age 6 – Ft. Pierre



2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Thea, age 9 – Ft. Pierre



3<sup>rd</sup> place – Matias, age 7 – Pierre



## Group 2 - Ages 10-13 (48 entries)

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Brielle, age 12 – Murdo



2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Reagan, age 12 – Murdo



3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Sage, age 13 – New Underwood



### Group 3 - Ages 14-17 (20 entries)

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Anastelle, age 14 – New Underwood



2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Jesse, age 15 – Murdo



**Group 3 – (continued)**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Brook, age 14 – New Underwood



**Honorable Mentions**

Lilith, age 7 – Ft. Pierre



# Honorable Mentions (continued)

Breck, age 13 – New Underwood



Alexander, age 15 – New Underwood



# Honorable Mentions (continued)

Taycee, age 13 – New Underwood

