

**FORMAT:** The required format is typewritten, double spaced, single sided, 500 words or less. All entries must be clearly legible.

**MARKINGS:** The following details should be clearly shown on the back of each page of the essay:

Title of Essay: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school which child attends: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of school (include ZIP) \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

School phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate of Authenticity Stating:


“I/we certify that this is the original and unassisted work of” \_\_\_\_\_

Certificates are to be signed by the entrant’s teacher, parent or guardian.

Signature of teacher, parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_



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# 5th Annual HEROES OF African American YESTERDAY Pioneers in Aviation & TODAY Essay Contest

Richard M. Daley, Mayor  
City of Chicago

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Chicago Department of Aviation





*Celebrate  
Black History  
Month  
with the  
Chicago  
Airport  
System!*

Tell us in no more than 500 words about a person, accomplishment or event related to the history of the famed Tuskegee Airmen or African Americans who shaped aviation, and those who continue to shine as heroes advancing the frontiers of aviation today.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes will be awarded in each of four grade categories: 5-6 grade, 7-8 grade, 9-10 grade, and 11-12 grade.

**1ST PRIZE:** Round-trip airline tickets for a family of up to four people to any scheduled destination in the continental U.S.A., courtesy of American Airlines, ATA, Southwest Airlines, and United Airlines.

**2ND PRIZE:** A flying lesson from Chicago Youth in Aviation Project, Inc.

**3RD PRIZE:** A \$100 savings bond, courtesy of the Air Force Association.

The top twelve finalists will each receive a membership to the Civil Air Patrol and an autographed Tuskegee Airmen poster, plus a visit to his or her classroom by an original member of the Tuskegee Airmen!

Certificate of Recognition will be sent to teachers for distribution to all participating students.

## 5th Annual African American Pioneers in Aviation Essay Contest Rules

**SPONSORED BY:** The Chicago Airport System in cooperation with The Chicago Public Schools (CPS), the CPS' Chicago Youth In Aviation Project and the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program, The Tuskegee Airmen DODO Chapter, American Airlines, United Airlines, Southwest Airlines, ATA, and the FAA Great Lakes Region.

**THEME FOR 2002 CONTEST:**  
"Heroes of Yesterday and Today"

Write an essay about a hero or heroine in aviation, including the Tuskegee Airmen or African Americans who shaped aviation, or those who are making history in aviation today and explain why they are a role model to you. For example:

- Write a report about an aviation professional, perhaps leading in the Air Force, government, or commercial airlines;
- Focus on African American women in aviation;
- Write about important events, milestones or achievements that created aviation as we know it and that continue to advance aviation today;
- Write about the contributions of black pilots or support personnel in WWII.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All children in the specified grade groups are encouraged to participate in the contest.

**AGE GROUPS:** Entries will be judged in four grade categories: 5-6 grade, 7-8 grade, 9-10 grade 11-12 grade.

**ADDRESS FOR ENTRIES:**

All entries should be compiled by teachers and sent with an Essay Contest Submission form to:

Department of Aviation  
Promotions, T-2/E-6  
Chicago O'Hare International Airport  
P.O. Box 66142  
Chicago, IL 60666

Entries become the property of the City of Chicago and will not be returned. All entries must be received at the Department of Aviation by January 31, 2002.

Three finalists in each age classification will be invited to attend a Judging Luncheon at Midway Airport at 11 a.m. on February 13, 2002, where finalists will be asked to read their essays out loud to judges for final judging. Awards will be presented at an Awards Ceremony at O'Hare International Airport at 10 a.m. on February 20, where the Chicago Airport System will announce the first, second and third place winners for each age category (date of event is subject to change—a separate invitation will follow to finalists.)

For more information contact:

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