

2014 – Flying Saves Lives

2014 Aviation Art Contest Flying Saves Lives

First and foremost, powered flight began as an adventure – a sport. In the beginning, flying was a risky business that was not for the faint of heart; injury, or even death, was something that pilots had to consider each and every time they went up. But over the 20th century, as powered flight became more stable, routine, and safe, it also became less and less the sport of daredevils and more and more a way to transport people and goods rapidly over long distances. During this time, powered flight also became something else – **it became a means of saving people’s lives.**

Today, helicopters fly rural accident victims to far away hospitals; organs are packed in ice and flown, in the nick of time, to save dying patients; pilots use planes and helicopters to fight large fires; and relief agencies transport food and water to starving and thirsty people around the globe. Flight allows us to see like birds and move faster than the wind, and it has given us the ability to help those who could never be helped before. Can you think of other ways that **“flying saves lives?”** **Let us count or perhaps more accurately, illustrate the ways.** Good luck!

This Year’s National Winners

Category I (Junior) 6 to 9 years old: Jidapa Janpathompong

Category II (Intermediate) 10 to 13 years old: Sky Waters

Category III (Senior) 14 to 17 years old: Justin Lee

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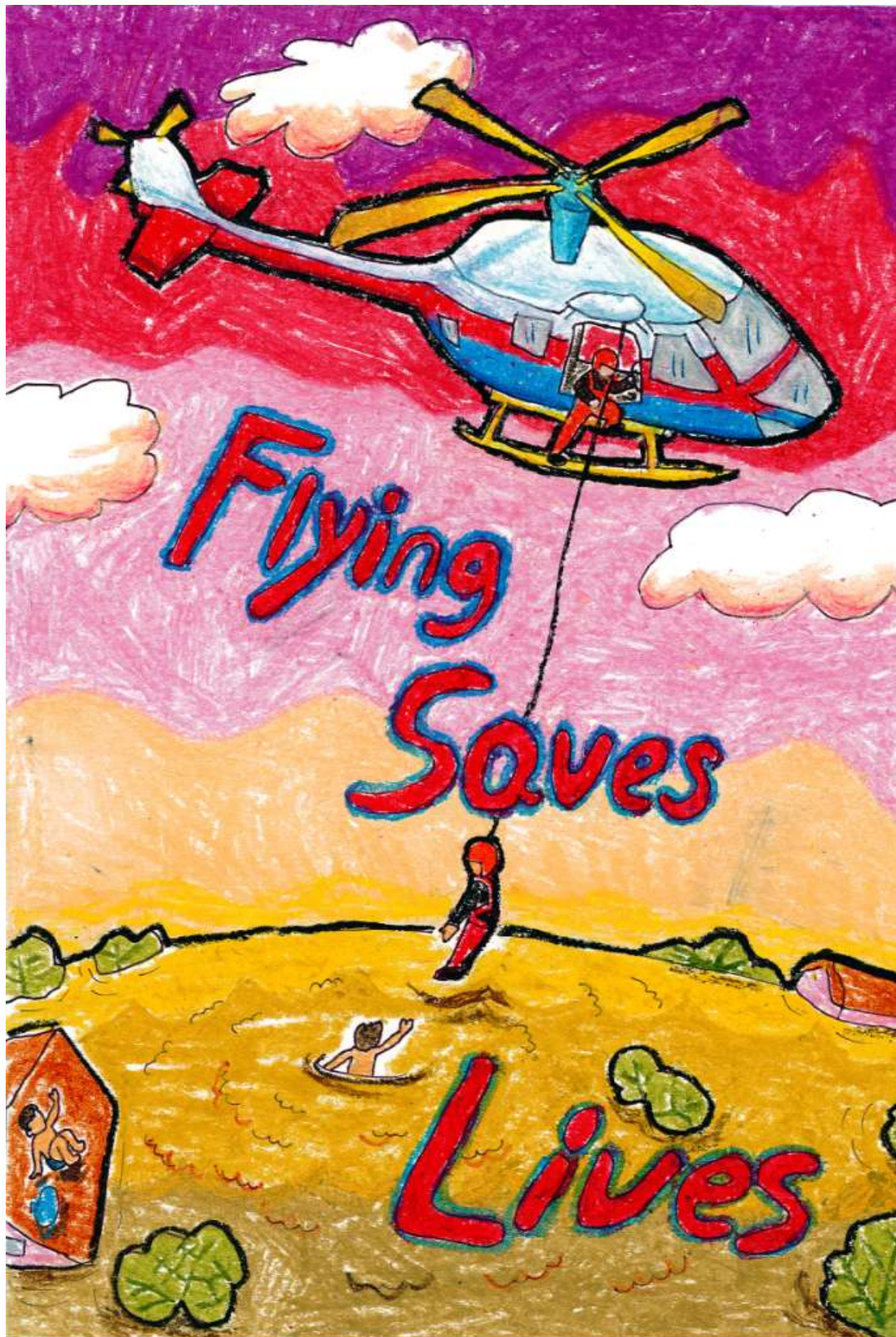
Jidapa Janpathompong, Massachusetts
Category I (Junior): 6 to 9 years old
U.S. Placement: 1st
State Placement: 1st

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Jessica Ahn, Maryland
Category I (Junior): 6 to 9 years old
U.S. Placement: 2nd
State Placement: 1st

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Maximilian Lin, Pennsylvania
Category I (Junior): 6 to 9 years old
U.S. Placement: 3rd
State Placement: 1st

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Sky Waters, Minnesota
Category II (Intermediate): 10 to 13 years old
U.S. Placement: 1st
State Placement: 1st
Previous Winner: 2013, 2012

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Derek Gonzales, New Mexico
Category II (Intermediate): 10 to 13 years old
U.S. Placement: 2nd
State Placement: 1st
Previous Winner: 2013

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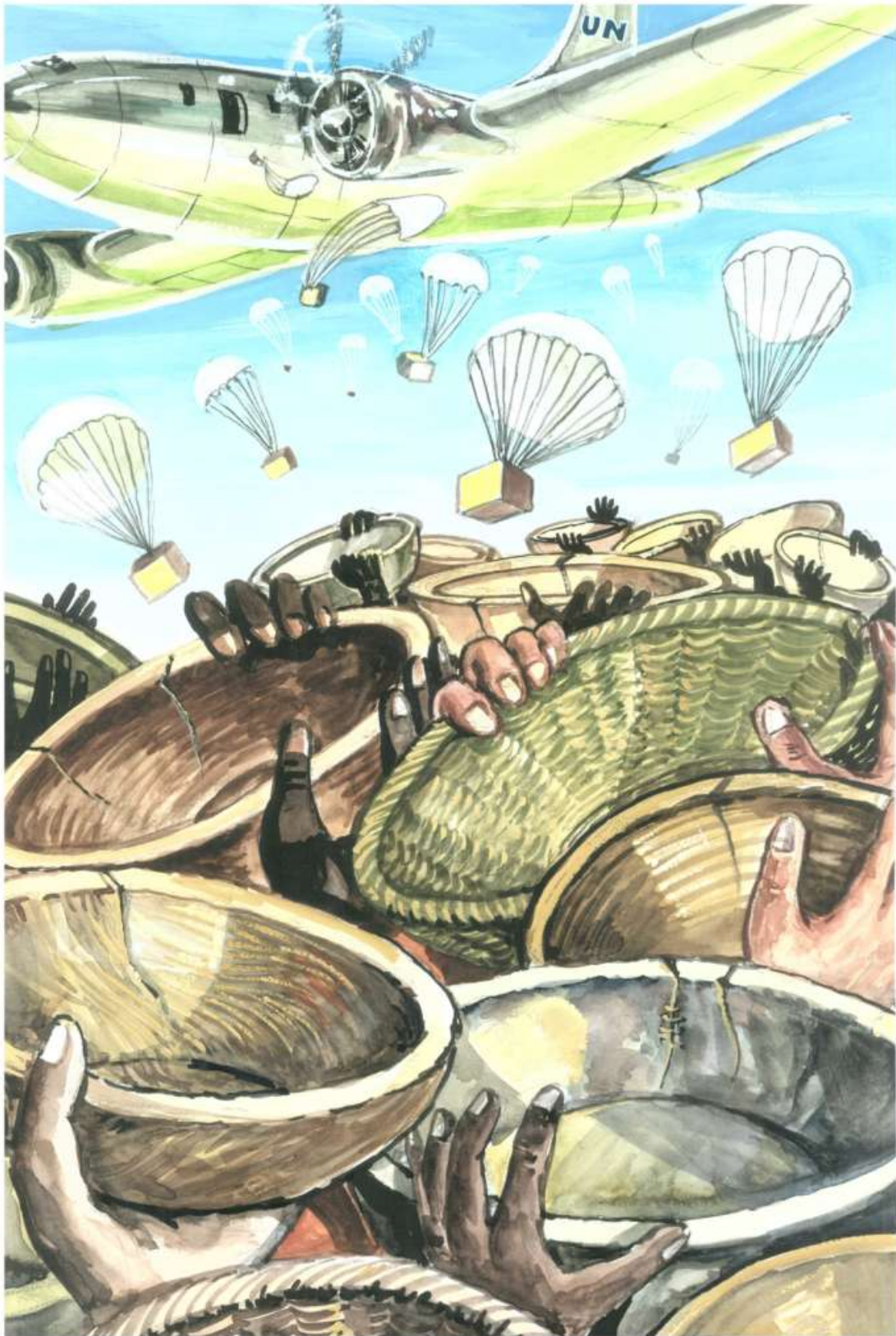
Gordon Su, California
Category II (Intermediate): 10 to 13 years old
U.S. Placement: 3rd
State Placement: 1st

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Justin Lee, Virginia
Category III (Senior): 14 to 17 years old
U.S. Placement: 1st
State Placement: 1st

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Nicholas Kang, California
Category III (Senior): 14 to 17 years old
U.S. Placement: 2nd
State Placement: 1st

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Chelsey Lin, California
Category III (Senior): 14 to 17 years old
U.S. Placement: 3rd
State Placement: 2nd