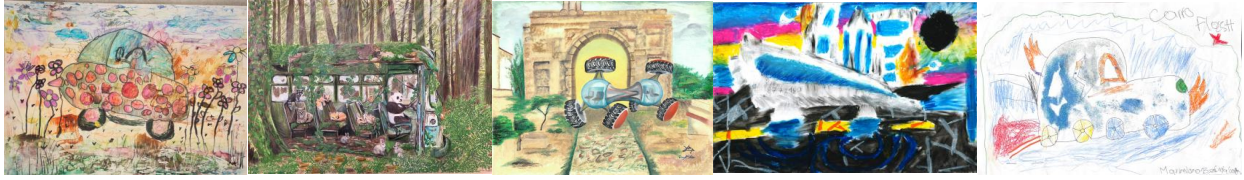


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Toyota announces Winners of the 19th Toyota Dream Car Art Contest (2026)



Toyota Motor Corporation has announced the winners of the World Contest of the "Toyota Dream Car Art Contest," an initiative that encourages children from around the world to envision the future of mobility and illustrate their "dream cars."

Launched in 2004, the Toyota Dream Car Art Contest invites children aged 15 and under to imagine and create artwork that expresses their vision of future mobility. Since its establishment, the contest has received over 10 million entries from 153 countries and regions. Guided by its mission to "Produce Happiness for All", Toyota aims to create a future where everyone can dream of a better tomorrow. Believing in the power of creativity, we hold this contest to inspire children, the leaders of tomorrow, to unleash their creativity and enjoy having a dream.

In this 19th edition of the contest, national contests were held in 87 countries and regions, and approximately 260,000 entries were received globally by March 2026. From among the entries that advanced from the national contests to the world contest, one Grand Prize winner and seven Best Finalists were selected in each of the three age categories (ages 7 and under, ages 8 to 11, and ages 12 to 15). Additionally, one entry was chosen for each of the special awards: the "Let's Change the Future of Cars" Award and the "Waku-Doki" Award.

The judging panel consisted of experts from the fields of art, design, motorsports, journalism, and curation, along with members of Toyota Motor Corporation dedicated to creating ever-better cars through design and technology. The judges engaged in discussions from various perspectives, selecting entries based on each work's message, originality, and artistic quality.

The judges remarked, "We encountered works that overflow with a sense of human kindness, as well as works that inspire a feeling of hope." They also noted, "While the environments in which children live vary around the world, the thoughts they experience in their daily lives and the feelings shaped through their own experiences are powerfully conveyed through the drawings they created with such dedication." They further commented, "Adults often tend to think within limitations and constraints, focusing only on what is considered achievable. In contrast, there is so much for us to learn from children's willingness to express their ideal vision of the world, free from such conditions."

We invite you to enjoy the award-winning works from the 19th (2026) World Contest, which showcase the creativity of children dreaming of a brighter future.

- * Official website of the Toyota Dream Car Art Contest: <https://www.toyota-dreamcarart.com/>
- * For inquiries, please contact: Toyota Dream Car Art Contest Office at iz-toyotadreamcar@mail.toyota.co.jp

■ GRAND PRIZES

One Grand Prize winner was selected from each of the three age categories.

Category 1 (Ages 7 and under)		
	Title	Bright Night
	Winner	Isabella Valeria Balderrama Jora (Age 5, Bolivia)
	Explanation of artwork	Driving on a road full of flowers.
	Judges' comments	Using dark tones, it nevertheless creates a luminous scene—the handling of color is beautiful. It conveys a sense of joy and hope, while vividly portraying mobility as a trusted companion.
Category 2 (Ages 8-11)		
	Title	A Shelter of Peace
	Winner	Vironika Shpyl (Age 11, Ireland)
	Explanation of artwork	My dream car is not the newest or fastest. It is a quiet shelter where peace lives. In this old bus, predators and prey rest together without fear. Nature has gently covered it with moss and vines, showing that harmony grows slowly. My dream car protects life instead of racing forward. It reminds us that the greatest journey is learning to live together in peace.
	Judges' comments	A warm artwork. It conveys the message that cars are part of nature, and meant to live in harmony with the nature. The idea of "not moving" or "not traveling" acts as a counterpoint to modern society, proposing a new set of values.
Category 3 (Ages 12-15)		
	Title	HALA ZONA 6x6
	Winner	HALA MAHMUD AHMED HMMUDAH (Age 14, Libya)
	Explanation of artwork	It expresses the idea of a six-wheeled car that can flip and drive on any side.
	Judges' comments	The contrast with its surroundings is striking, creating a sense of past and future coming together and giving it the feel of a time machine. It's a kind of car that makes you want to get behind the wheel.

■ SPECIAL AWARDS

The **"Let's Change the Future of Cars" Award**, which recognizes innovative ideas about how cars can transform the future, and the **"Waku-Doki" Award**, which captures the joy and excitement of riding in or driving a car, were each awarded to one entry.

Let's Change the Future of Cars Award		
	Title	Time Car - Version 8772150
	Winner	STEFANO JOAQUIN ZAPATA (Age 10, Honduras)
	Explanation of artwork	My car is a time-traveling car with a special device that breaks the barrier between time and space. You just enter the year, month, and day, and it will take you there in seconds!!!
	Judges' comments	This work presents an imaginative vision of a time-traveling car, expressed through a slightly abstract style that stimulates the viewer's imagination. It highlights the unique ability of mobility to transport people not only physically but also emotionally across time and experiences. The work powerfully captures the essence of mobility as a source of freedom and inspiration.
Waku-Doki Award		
	Title	Flash Car
	Winner	Maximiliano Bedoya Gomez (Age 4, Colombia)
	Explanation of artwork	It is a car that has a super turbo with the help of lightning and wings that give it the power to be the fastest car in the world.
	Judges' comments	The artwork feels instinctive, as if it was drawn with a pure desire to create a great car. It reflects a child's fascination with speed, making it a car that looks truly fun to ride.

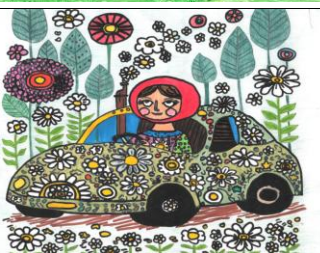
■ BEST FINALISTS

Seven entries from each of the three age categories were awarded Best Finalist.

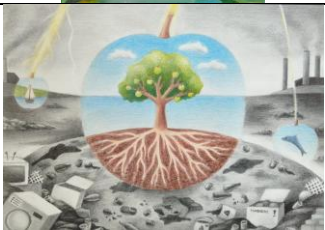
Category 1 (Ages 7 and under)

Artwork	Title	Winner
	Toyogalactic "The Portal to Another Dimension"	Julián André Mejía Zambrano (Age 7, Ecuador)
	Homemade car	Lena Szava Dianis (Age 7, Hungary)
	Multi-Purpose Toyota Car Powered by Changing Weather Energy	Nhat Minh Dinh (Age 7, Vietnam)
	LONELY-LIFTING SMILING CAR	DARIONA GIBSON NYEHANGANE (Age 6, Uganda)
	The car that brought colour to the world	Georgia Evdokia Michael (Age 6, Cyprus)
	My eco-friendly Toyota pet saver	Ema Jelinkova (Age7, Czech Republic)
	Pizza car	Sebastian Kalab (Age 7, Czech Republic)

Category 2 (Ages 8-11)

Artwork	Title	Winner
	The fairytale car	Maria Petoussi (Age 9, Cyprus)
	Heart engine altruism	Savvas Sofokleous (Age 9, Cyprus)
	Heart Shelter	Jung Yewon (Age 9, Republic of Korea)
	THE DISPUTE-MELTER PEACE BUS	NATASHA MAHORO WILLIAMS (Age 10, Uganda)
	Flower Car of Kind Road	Agatha Artemovna Krushinskaya (Age 11, Kazakhstan)
	Robot Car	Pakorn Mingkaewn (Age 9, Thailand)
	The Magical Music Car	Wathanakorn Thummapasat (Age 10, Thailand)

Category 3 (Ages 12-15)

Artwork	Title	Winner
	Mobile Protection Vehicle for Endangered Animals	Tang Yicen (Age 13, China)
	Solar Breeze: Cooling the World with Innovation	Yael Wizer (Age 13, Israel)
	Toyota Dream Car	Burnasheva Stefaniya Denisovna (Age 14, Turkmenistan)
	Life-Toyota	Panna Ilona Gulyas (Age 12, Hungary)
	Toyota Creator Angel	Angel Esteban Garcia Sanchez (Age 14, Colombia)
	Toyota Liberty	Alihamin Aramide Lawal (Age 12, Nigeria)
	Toyota City	SOFIA ISABELLA PONCE CHAVEZ (Age 15, Honduras)

* The ages of the winners are based on their age at the time of application.