

**THE LONG BEACH COMMITTEE TO COMMEMORATE THE CENTENNIAL OF THE FIRST  
TRANSCONTINENTAL FLIGHT ANNOUNCES THEME FOR ESSAY CONTEST**

## **Rules:**

1. All entries must include the theme “We Can Soar,” the history of the flight of the Vin Fiz in 1911 and how the event contributed to the history of aviation in Long Beach. Students are encouraged to access resources at:  
**[www.vinfizlongbeach.com/educators.html](http://www.vinfizlongbeach.com/educators.html)**
2. All entries must be done by students only.
3. Each entry must be done by only one student.
4. Contests are open to students enrolled in grades 6 -12 in a public or private school located in Long Beach, Lakewood, Signal Hill or Avalon.
5. Students will compete in the following divisions: 6 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade; 9 – 10<sup>th</sup> grade; and 11 – 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
6. Essays may be typed, double-spaced (preferred) or hand written. Essays may be submitted two ways: 1) via email to: [info@vinfizlongbeach.com](mailto:info@vinfizlongbeach.com) or 2) via U.S. mail to: Office of Councilwoman Gerrie Schipske, 333 W. Ocean Blvd., 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Long Beach, CA 90802.
7. Essays should be 500 words.
8. Essays must include the following information: your name, grade, one parent’s name, name of school, home address, contact telephone number.
9. Essays will be judged on adherence to theme (50%), style (25%), and correctness of form (grammar, spelling, punctuation) (25%).
10. Deadline: Must be received by December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.
11. Once received, entries will become and remain the property of the Long Beach Committee to Commemorate the Centennial of the First Transcontinental Flight.

**Prizes will be awarded in each age division at the Transcontinental Flight Centennial celebration on December 10<sup>th</sup>.**