

# Airplanista 2019 “For the Love of OSH” Essay Competition Information and Rules

**Awards Ceremony:** #Oshbash 2019 | Tuesday, July 23 - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
EAA AirVenture Oshkosh | Media HQ Press Tent  
Visit [oshbash.com](http://oshbash.com) for venue location and details

## THE COMPETITION

Welcome to the first Airplanista “For the Love of Oshkosh” Essay Competition. The goal of this new event is to celebrate EAA’s 50th anniversary of holding their annual convention in Oshkosh. We want to celebrate that long history in words, and your essay entered into the competition is a great way to tell the world about your personal relationship with EAA AirVenture Oshkosh.

With the topic of “What EAA AirVenture Oshkosh Means to Me,” this is your chance to collect your best thoughts about this great aviation celebration, craft the best-written story you can, and possibly win some awesome prizes for the top seven authors as scored by our panel of judges.

## PRIZES:

*The grand prize, first place and second place winners will receive a gorgeous “Art Glass” award from Edco Awards and Specialties (\$185 value), shown at right.*

### **Foreflight Grand Prize Award** (Total value \$1,182)

1 Foreflight Sentry Portable ADS-B unit (\$499 value)  
1 year Foreflight Performance Pro subscription (\$299 value)  
1 pair Flying Eyes Sunglasses (\$199 value)

### **Aircraft Spruce and Specialty 1st Place Award** (Total value \$884)

\$500 Aircraft Spruce Gift Card (\$500 value)  
1 pair Flying Eyes Sunglasses (\$199 value)

### **Sporty’s Pilot Shop 2nd Place Prize** (total value \$553)

Sporty’s Air Scan Radio (+ other swag TBD) (\$169 value)  
1 pair Flying Eyes Sunglasses (\$199 value)

### **X-Plane 3rd and 4th Place Prizes** (total \$220 ea.)

1 X-Plane 11 full product key (\$60 value)  
1 Joystick/Controller (\$130 value)  
X-Plane 11 swag (\$30 value)

### **Honorable Mention 5th and 6th Place Prizes**

EAA AirVenture Store Gift Card (\$30 value)



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*Art Glass Sculpture Award to be presented to grand prize plus first and second place winners*

## COMPETITION RULES:

(1) The competition is open to anyone expecting to be on the AirVenture grounds on Tuesday night, July 23, 2019. Upon notification, the top seven finalists must confirm in writing that they will attend Airplanista's #Oshbash Social Media Meet-up event, July 23, 5:30 - 7:30 pm in the Media HQ Press Tent to accept their award and prizes. If a finalist is notified and does not attend the announcement event for any reason, all finalists below that position will move up and be awarded the higher position's award and prizes. **In order to receive any prizes or awards, an author must be present to win.**

(2) Essay submissions will be accepted starting June 1, 2019, and all submissions must be received no later than July 5, 2019 at 12 midnight, Pacific time. Entries must be submitted online by visiting [tinyurl.com/essay2019](http://tinyurl.com/essay2019) and following the instructions. **LIMITED TO THE FIRST 100 ENTRIES ONLY.**

(3) Entries will be judged by a three-judge panel on (a) creativity, (b) the ability to translate the writer's passion for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh into words, (c) story flow with strong lead, descriptive body and great conclusion, (d) effective, captivating and even humorous writing style, and (e) proper spelling and grammar. The competition's administrator will have access to author contact information (for notification purposes only), but essays will be scored anonymously by judges to preserve the integrity of the winner selection process.

(4) The competition is open to anyone 16 years and older. Writers submitting an essay for consideration do not have to be pilots, and there is no cost to enter. **Limited to one essay submission per author.**

(5) Submitted essays must be the author's original work that has not been previously published anywhere in print or online. Word count must be between 500 and 1,000 words, however a word count variance of 10% is acceptable. Any entry that falls outside this word count limit will be rejected.

(6) By submitting an essay for this competition, writers grant the Airplanista Aviation Blog the rights to digitally reproduce all or part of any story submitted with no compensation due. *(Please note that the Airplanista Aviation Blog is strictly presented free for the love and promotion of general and business aviation and generates no revenue.)*

(7) If any print or digital publication other than Airplanista Aviation Blog is interested in reproducing any of the winning essays in print or electronic format, the Essay Competition organizers will connect those media representatives with the competition winners so the two parties can work out any rights and compensation negotiations.

(8) All scoring decisions of the three-judge panel are final.



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