

Skills Ontario announces winners advancing to championship round of its province-wide Paper Glider Competition

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Ontario (January 21, 2021) – In collaboration with the Government of Ontario, Bombardier and 3M Canada, Skills Ontario was pleased to announce the regional winners of its Paper Glider Competition on [Skills Ontario's YouTube channel](#) today, whereby 31 participants are moving to the Championship Round. Launched in October 2020, the Paper Glider Competition program aims to encourage and develop youth's knowledge of skilled trades and technology by challenging students to design and build a glider plane made from paper products, toothpicks, and skewer sticks.

Along with a video submission of their paper plane taking flight, students must provide a completed safety checklist and questionnaire provided by Skills Ontario to test their familiarity with skilled trades and technology careers and the pathways into these fields. Participants are graded on their ability to build according to their plans, overall construction and durability of the paper plane, as well as how far it flies.

"Skills Ontario works to continue providing interactive learning opportunities to youth so that they can develop their skills and feel inspired throughout their career exploration, and one of the ways we've done that is through the new Paper Glider Competition," says Ian Howcroft, CEO of Skills Ontario. "Thank you to the Government of Ontario, Bombardier and 3M Canada for providing the support which enables us to deliver this program to young Ontarians across the province."

"One of the most empowering things we can do during this global health crisis is to continue supporting programs that inspire a passion for science and technology. These skills not only form the core of our company, but are also fundamental to solving many of the biggest challenges facing the international community," said Mike Nadolski, Bombardier's Vice President of Communications and Public Affairs. "We applaud Skills Ontario for the great work they are doing in inspiring the next generation and wish all participants good luck in this competition."

The final three Provincial Championship Round Winners will be announced virtually on Skills Ontario's YouTube channel on Thursday, March 11, 2021.

In addition to [YouTube](#), Skills Ontario is on Instagram at [@skillsontario](#), on LinkedIn at ["Skills Ontario"](#), on Facebook at ["Skills Canada - Ontario"](#), on Twitter at [@skillsontario](#), and on TikTok at [@skillsontario](#). Skills Ontario looks forward to continuing to provide learning opportunities to build a strong and robust workforce.

About Skills Ontario

Skills Ontario has been growing a portfolio of programs to inspire and engage youth since 1989, including presentations, career exploration events, competitions, summer camps, and Young Women's and First Nations, Métis, and Inuit workshops and conferences. To see how you can partner with Skills Ontario and help make a difference in the lives of Ontario youth, visit skillsontario.com/get-involved.

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