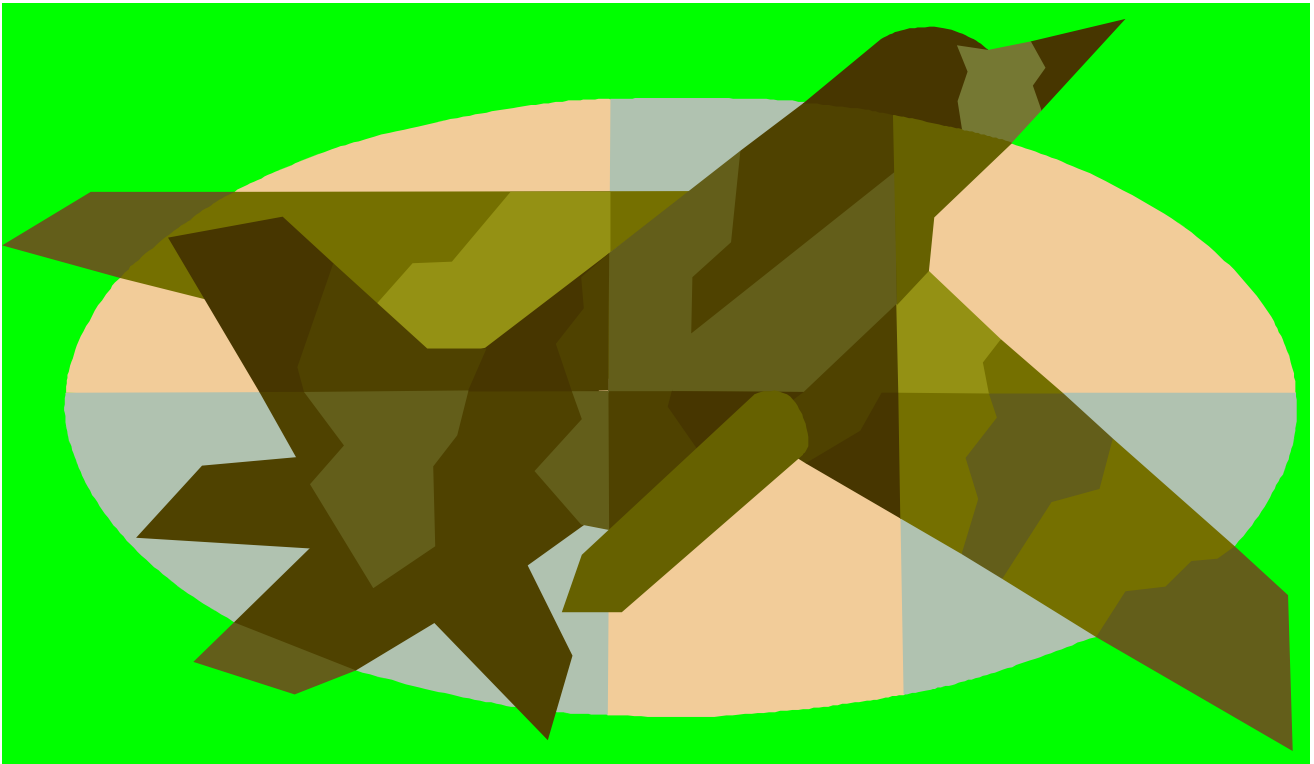


Why I Want to Become a Pilot

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Once upon a time, there was a little girl named Lauryn. Whenever Lauryn would go to her Nana and Papa's house to visit, she would get scrumptious sweets, gorgeous dresses, and exotic fruit from Papa's travels. The part she enjoyed the most, however, was getting to hear Papa's stories of the places he visited as a result of his job as a steward aboard planes. Nana, Mama, Aunty Ju and Aunty Sim would all join in with their own stories about flying as stewardesses on international flights. From the first time she tried on Papa's uniform hat, Lauryn knew what she wanted to be when she grew up: a pilot!

Over the years, I have traveled all over the world by plane, on short, one-hour domestic flights, and international flights that took multiple days. I have been to India, England, Australia, and California. One thing I learned from these flights is that I LOVE TO FLY! I love the pull of g-forces as the plane accelerates to take off, watching the people and cars below shrink and disappear— replaced by puffy white clouds like clumps of cotton candy. I love looking down on the gorgeous landscapes spread out below, the countryside turning into a patchwork quilt as the plane flies higher and higher. I love the feeling of soaring high above the earth like a bird, the peace and calm that descends over all the passengers as they place their trust, their lives, into the hands of the pilot. I love the rush of adrenalin as everyone buckles down and the plane swoops toward the runway, everyone holding their breath in anticipation for the slight bump that signifies touchdown!

Flying is my passion. I dream about it, talk about it and plan my life around it. Now, in high school, my dream to become a pilot is stronger than ever, and I am making choices about my education and career as a pilot. One of the biggest decisions for me is what kind of pilot I want to become.

After thinking long and hard about it, talking to people with experience, and doing extensive research, I have decided that I want to fly with the Canadian Air Forces. I am a person who is really passionate about making a difference in the world, doing something to improve the lives of others, and I believe that being a Canadian Forces Pilot would be an effective way of doing this. Flying planes on search-and-rescue missions, delivering goods to people in need, and protecting our beautiful country is my idea of the perfect job. Combining my desire to fly planes and make a positive impact on the world I live in, the Canadian Air Force is perfect for me.

I have planned to study at the Royal Military College and major in aeronautical engineering, working on developing safer, more environmentally friendly, and more efficient planes, while training as a pilot. After the four years required to attain my degree, I can go on to serve as a pilot for Canada!

One day, many years after that fateful moment when she decided to become a pilot, Lauryn walked into her guidance office at school, and thought she must be dreaming... "Tell us why YOU want to become a pilot and win a private pilot ground school course with Spectrum Airways!" The bold black words leapt off the yellow paper at her. Lauryn knew this was the opportunity of a lifetime! Starting here, with this course, she would commence her journey towards becoming a pilot. One day, she knew she would finally attain her dream to soar high in the skies as a pilot, and live happily ever after...

THE END!