

## Personal Statement

Aircraft modelling has played an important role in my life since 2011. My father took me to free flight model competitions since I was caught by the free flight models. My first serious competition in 2018 was at the Junior World Championships in Bulgaria. There I experienced first-hand what aircraft modelling means to me. Then I decided that one day I would win the WC or EC.

Unfortunately, when I really started to develop, Covid-19 broke out. However, I was not idle during this time either, but began to expand my knowledge and delve into the mysteries of aircraft modelling. By 2021, my first self-built F1A model was ready. Ferenc Kerner helped me build the models, from whom I managed to learn the tricks I needed to be able to build, repair and assemble my models on my own. Also, modelling has developed the quality of mind that I think is very useful in all areas of life, which is quick and solving problems as simple as possible. I encounter a lot of problems in the field and in the workshop that I need to be able to solve.

I really like free flight modelling because it is very complex. There are countless things involved in the process until the model reaches the free flight. Modelling is not just a simple technical sport, because to compete successfully, one has to be in good shape both physically and mentally. It is present in my everyday life and in all my free time I think about what it takes to be even better at the next competition. I talk a lot with competitors who are more experienced than me, who helped me a lot and helped me in what I achieved until I was 18 years old.

I really like modelling communities. I am happy to go to every competition, because I know that I am surrounded by people who love aircraft modelling as much as I do. In general, the competitors do not see each other as opponents, but as friends and help each other in the competition. I really like this attitude.

I think my year 2023, which was my last junior year, really defined and strengthened my attachment to free flight models. In 2023, I won the junior F1A EC as an individual competitor and as a team member, and I also won the overall World Cup. This has been my dream since 2018 and it was an incredible feeling to experience that it really happened. I had to make a lot of sacrifices to achieve them, but it was worth it.

I like to set goals for myself, currently, the most important goal is to stand on the podium at the adult European Championship next year. This can only be achieved in the individual category, because I withdrew from the national team due to the special starting place for the defending champion. In 2022 and 2023, I was a member of the junior and senior Hungarian national teams. The more distant goals include the World Championship, European Championship and overall World Cup victory in the F1A category and obviously to win as many of these as possible. These are outcome goals.

Budapest, 08.11.2023.

Gábor László