



**Scholastic  
Art & Writing  
Awards**

Alliance for  
Young Artists  
& Writers

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Dear Educator,

Congratulations!

The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, the nonprofit organization that presents the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, is pleased to present one or more of your students with the National Medal Award(s) listed on your dashboard in recognition of this achievement.

More than 80,000 students submitted nearly 230,000 works of art and writing to the 2020 Scholastic Awards. The work of your student(s) was selected by some of the foremost leaders in the visual and literary arts for excellence in originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision. Only 2,000 works received a National Medal, which places your student(s) within the top 1% of all submissions!

Since 1923, the Awards have celebrated teen artists and writers from across the country. Your student(s) are now part of that legacy, joining the ranks of notable alumni, including Tschabalala Self, Stephen King, Kay WalkingStick, Charles White, Joyce Carol Oates, and Andy Warhol—all of whom won Scholastic Awards when they were teens.

We are proud to publish the work of your student(s) in our Online Galleries at [artandwriting.org](http://artandwriting.org) in June. Their name(s) will also be listed in the Yearbook 2021, a companion publication to The Best Teen Art and The Best Teen Writing anthologies which feature a selection of work by National Medalists.

Once again, congratulations. The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, our supporters, and our partners are honored to celebrate your students' accomplishment.

Sincerely,

Christopher Wisniewski  
Executive Director  
Alliance for Young Artists & Writers