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## **CMAB Awards Six Student Arts Scholarships**

The Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB) recently awarded Art Scholarships to six area high school seniors totaling \$9,000. The Student Arts Scholarship Program is designed to support students pursuing undergraduate degrees in the arts.

Each applicant must submit up to five art samples and three references along with answers to a set of questions. Applicants are evaluated according to established criteria and awarded funding in rank order.

### **The CMAB Student Arts Scholarship Grant recipients are:**



Rachel Ball

**RACHEL BALL**, St. Michael, MN, \$1,500 CMAB Student Arts Scholarship to study Advertising at Iowa State University.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** St. Michael-Albertville High School

**ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS:** Photography; Drawing; Painting; Working Out; Going to concerts; Playing sports. Have been involved in Business Professionals of America; Fall Musical for Prom committee; Volleyball; Freshman Mentorship program; Art Club; and One Act.



Michael Bryant

**MICHAEL BRYANT**, St. Michael, MN, \$1,500 CMAB Student Arts Scholarship to study Film making at Minneapolis College of Art and Design

**HIGH SCHOOL:** St. Michael-Albertville High School

**ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS:** Photography, Film making, interested in psychology; volunteer set up for events at Hammer inc.; donated artwork to Rotary for auction.



Emma Crane

**EMMA CRANE**, Elk River, MN, \$1,500 CMAB Student Arts Scholarship to study Vocal Music Education at the University of St. Thomas

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Elk River High School

**ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS:** piano; singing; playing games with my family; reading; arts and crafts of all kinds; watching sports events. Have been involved in Cross Country; Nordic Skiing; Church Youth Choir; School Musicals; School Choir; National Honor Society; IMPACT Leadership Program; Church Vacation Bible School Leadership roles; Church Peer Minister; Open Window Theater (Minneapolis); Sang National Anthem at Hockey Day Minnesota 2014-Nationally Televised



Sean Donahue

**SEAN DONAHUE**, Sauk Rapids, MN, \$1,500 CMAB Student Arts Scholarship to study Theatre Production at St. Cloud State University.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Sauk Rapids-Rice High School

**ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS:** Concert band; Jazz band; Marching Storm marching band; Musical productions; Hennepin Theatre Trust Spotlight Musical Theatre Program 2014-2015 Award - "Outstanding Achievement in Sound"; One-Act Play competition - high school, MSHLS award; Solo/Ensemble competition - high school, MSHLS awards; Talent show; Baseball; Boy Scouts - Eagle Scout rank; Leos Youth- part of the Lions Club; VEX ; Hams Music Summer Showcase - stage and sound technician; First Presbyterian Church Crusade Choir - sound technician; School of Rock musician. I enjoy Snowmobiling, jet skiing, boating, cars, playing electric guitar, performing on acoustic guitar, playing trombone; learning how computers and technology work, integrating technology and troubleshooting.



Carly Rasmusson

**CARLY RASMUSSON**, Foley, MN, \$1,500 CMAB Student Arts Scholarship to study Studio Arts/Painting and Drawing at Minnesota State University, Moorhead.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Foley High School

**ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS:** Speech; Drama; One Act; Track & Field; Tennis; Art Club; 4-H; FFA and Band (class and Marching Band). Interested in Playing music (piano, trumpet, accordion, ukulele, baritone); Painting, drawing.



Kennedy Strain

**KENNEDY STRAIN**, Elk River, MN, \$1,500 CMAB Student Arts Scholarship to study Graphic Design and Marketing at University Wisconsin-Stout

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Elk River High School

**ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS:** National Honor Society for three years; volunteered over 50 hours in one school year; member of LINK; WEB leader; softball; basketball; volleyball; volunteer for youth volleyball camps and youth baseball tryouts; volunteer elementary math and reading tutor; member of PromSquad and Management club; involved in Feed My Starving Children; Youth Art Month contest; volunteer for "The Night in Bethlehem set up and tear down, greeting and activities; I am interested in drawing, working, shopping, watching movies, hanging out with friends and playing volleyball. I have taken multiple art courses throughout high school and I have three jobs.

Awardees are eligible to apply for Student Art Scholarship awards for up to three additional years.

The Central Minnesota Arts Board supports collaborative and innovative arts opportunities through partnerships and financial investments in Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright counties as one of eleven Regional Arts Councils designated by the Minnesota State Arts Board. The CMAB works with community partners to increase access to the unique cultural assets of Minnesota.

For more information about the Central MN Arts Board grant opportunities and services go to [www.centralmnartsboard.org](http://www.centralmnartsboard.org) or call the office at 320-968-4290 or toll free at 1-866-345-7140.