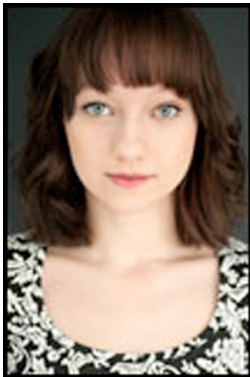

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CMAB Awards Seven Student Arts Scholarships

The Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB) recently awarded seven area high school seniors with scholarships totaling \$9,000. The Student Arts Scholarship Program is designed to help graduating seniors who want to further their education 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 scored according to evaluation criteria and awarded funding in rank order.

The CMAB Student Arts Scholarship Grant recipients are:



Kyra Peterson

KYRA PETERSON, Saint Michael, MN, \$2,000 CMAB Student Arts Scholarship to study Dance Performance at Columbia College, Chicago
HIGH SCHOOL: Main Street School of Performing Arts
ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS: National Honors Society for Dance Arts; Main Street School of Performing Arts Dance Company; MSSPA Student Government: Dance Major Rep; MSSPA Fall and Spring Dance Concerts: Dancer and Choreographer; MSSPA Fall Play: Technical Support; MSSPA Musicals: Chorus, lead performer, and set design; MSSPA Choir Concert: Singer; MSSPA No Shame various performances; Director of 2014 Senior Creation Artist Exhibition Fundraiser; School improvement volunteer work; "We Day" Minnesota volunteer ambassador; Poetry in Motion Dance Company, member and performer; Dance Film, Fashion Design, Rock Climbing and Drawing.



Aaron Evans

AARON EVANS, Sartell, MN, \$2,000 CMAB Student Arts Scholarship to study industrial design at Iowa State University.
HIGH SCHOOL: Veritas Christian Academy/Homeschool
ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS: Civil Air Patrol--Cadet Commander; Aerospace Education Officer; Summer Encampment Deputy Commander; Integrated Leadership Academy Executive Officer; Cadet Officer School; MN Ground Team Academy; National Christian Forensics and Communication Association; International Air Cadet Exchange; Federal Emergency Management Agency; Sartell Boys Swim; Greater Evansville Youth Lacrosse; Volunteering at Homeless Shelter, American Legion/VFW, Wreaths Across America; Swimming; Lacrosse; Basketball; Hiking; Skiing; Drawing; Foreign Policy; Church ministry; Camping; Cartooning; Surfing; Church Youth Group; Reading; Researching; Cooking; Biking; Rapping.



Noah Gruhlke

NOAH GRUHLKE, Monticello, MN, \$2,000 CMAB Student Arts Scholarship to attend University of Northwestern-St. Paul to study theater, acting and film production.

HIGH SCHOOL: Monticello High School

ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS: Prairie Fire Children's Theater; One Act plays; Student Director; Community Theater Productions; Riverfest Talent Show Hamlet Soliloquy; Mississippi 8 Conference One Act Festival; Emceed High School Talent Show. Instruments: Guitar (bass & rhythm) and Tuba; High Band; Concert Band; Wind Ensemble; Guitar Ensemble; Brass Quintet; High School Jazz Ensemble; Pep Band; Concert Choir; Riverfest Talent Show; Cross Country; Competed in area Triathlons, Julie's Run, Milaca Early Bird Invitational. Monticello Soccer Club; Monticello 5K; Riverfest 5K; Monticello Wrestling; Summer Swim Club; High School Swim/Dive Team; Knowledge Bowl Award; AAA Art Award; Volunteered for Feed My Starving Children; Creative non-fiction writing (published my own book); Short-film production.



Michael Wegter

MICHAEL WEGTER, Buffalo, MN, \$1,500 CMAB Student Arts Scholarship to study music and business at St. Olaf College.

HIGH SCHOOL: Buffalo High School

ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS: Cross Country; Track & Field; Lacrosse; Hockey; Choir; Vocal Jazz/Chamber Choir; Music Listening Contest; Wright County Ukulele Club; Drama/musicals; Pep Band; Student Council; Tri-M Music Honor Society Executive Council; Yearbook Publication; Music; Bowling; Running; Theatre.



Kattlynn Winkelman

KATTLYNN WINKELMAN, Foley, MN, \$500 CMAB Student Arts Scholarship to study Commercial Art at Moorhead State University

HIGH SCHOOL: Foley High School

ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS: Drama; Art Club; Speech; Drum Line; Marching Band, Winter Guard; Color Guard; Girl Scouts; singing; drawing; painting; Clarinet; Piano (keyboard); sculpture; writing; theatre; sewing; reading; crafts; quilting; candle making.



Mariah Kaelberer

MARIAH KAELBERER, Foley, MN, \$500 CMAB Student Arts Scholarship to study photography at Ridgewater College in Willmar

HIGH SCHOOL: Foley High School

ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS: Cross country; Speech; Drama; Golf; Choir; Skills USA (vice president); Yearbook; A member of St. Cloud Figure Skating Club. Volunteered for the Preschool program at Foley High School, the Foley Nursing home and the Humane Society in St. Cloud.



JESSICA RADANAVONG, Albertville, MN, \$500 CMAB Student Arts Scholarship to study photography at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design

HIGH SCHOOL: St Michael-Albertville High School

ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS: soccer; track; basketball; prom committee; elementary school carnival; photography; cars

Jessica Radanavong

Scholarship awardees may apply to renew all, or a portion of these awards for up to an additional three 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. We work 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 or call the office at 320-968-4290 or toll free at 1-866-345-7140.