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City of Sonoma seeks entries for 2023 Student Creative Artist Award

Online entries will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 14, 2023

SONOMA, CA --- The City of Sonoma (City) Cultural and Fine Arts Commission (CFAC) announced this week that they are now accepting entries for the 2023 Student Creative Arts Award Program. This award program is open to high school juniors and seniors who reside within the Sonoma Valley Unified School District boundary and demonstrate promise in the visual, literary, or performing arts. The deadline to submit an entry is April 14, 2023.

Since the program began in 1988, the CFAC has awarded over \$48,000 to 77 student artists. Awards have been given to students working in a variety of artistic mediums over the years including visual arts, animation, film production, music, cinematography, photography, dance, design, performance, theater arts, and creative writing. "Art is a key component of a thriving community, which is why I have dedicated this year to the arts in all their forms," says Mayor Sandra Lowe. "Our local artists - amateur and established alike - deserve recognition and support. Sonoma Valley has a wealth of artistic talent, and I am always impressed by the quality of work submitted by Student Creative Arts Award applicants. I whole-heartedly encourage all eligible high school junior and senior artists to submit an entry."

Students interested in being considered for an award should submit an online application including samples of their best work and a 200-500 word "Artist Statement" explaining the role that art has played in their life and what their plans are for continuing their artistic training by the April 14th deadline. The online entry form can be found on the City's website at:

<https://www.sonomacity.org/documents/student-creative-artist-award-entry-form/>.

Finalists will be notified by April 28, 2023, and must be available to participate in an in-person interview with the CFAC commissioners during their meeting on May 9, 2023. Winners are awarded up to \$2,000 cash award to be used for the furtherance of their artistic abilities, education, or career.

Find more information and a list of past Student Creative Artist Award recipients on the City's website at: <https://www.sonomacity.org/student-creative-artist-award/>. For questions, please contact Sonoma City Clerk Rebekah Barr by calling (707) 938-3681 or email cityhall@sonomacity.org.

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