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Chisholm Trail Arts Council 2021 Scholarship Winners Announced

Art Education in Schools offers two \$500 scholarships to seniors who are striving to pursue a degree associated with the arts. The two winners this school year are Aubrey Topping and Lillie Hodgson.



When asked, “Why is art important to our culture,” Aubrey responded eloquently, “When walking down the street, there is not a corner that has not been touched by a form of art. I notice moments of history painted out on brick walls. I hear the beating of drums and the clattering of feet from street performers, highlighting the art culture of Oklahoma. Our nation has changed throughout the course of history, but the roots for artistic expression are still firmly planted in the many cultures of our people.”



Lillie confirmed the mission of Art Education in Schools when she said, “Art programs are important because they give children a healthy outlet to express themselves, they teach kids to think in different ways, and provide a fun way to de-stress. Art programs in schools also teach kids how to be disciplined and work hard on their craft, which is a useful skill both in and out of the classroom.”