



CTAC's Art Education in Schools Program 2022 Scholarship Winners Announced

For the past seven years, CTAC's Art Education in Schools program has offered two \$500 scholarships to seniors who are striving to pursue a future associated with the arts. The two recipients for 2021-2022 school year were Kathleen Battiest and Asia Fleetwood.



"Art Tells the story..."

Kathleen Battiest
Senior, Epic Charter School

CTAC's Art Education in Schools (AES) program assisted Kathleen in tuition expenses to attend Ballet Magnificat in October of 2021! with her ultimate goal joining the Ballet Magnificat! Performance Company. Kathleen would love to have her own dance studio someday. Her biggest take

away from attending the clinic was that they had one class right after the other. It was faster paced and made it a much more structured environment. This helped her to stay focused and learn more quickly. Battiest says, "Art is a beautiful way for people to express their soul. I believe art programs are important in our schools and communities because they give kids options of ways to express themselves...outside of sports. Art tells the story of different cultures, ways of life and illustrates how we have grown over time." (pic provided, Battiest – back row, second from right)

"Art inspires us and gives us hope..."

Asia Fleetwood
Senior, Duncan High School

The AES committee selected Fleetwood based on her active involvement with Hodgson's Studio of Music and Drama, Duncan Little Theatre, competitive dance team, Chickasaw Arts Academy, and DHS All-State Choir - all while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. Her goals are to attend college at Oklahoma City University, to obtain a Bachelor's Degree of Arts in Music, and one day be a Broadway performer. When asked why she felt that art programs are important to have in our schools, Fleetwood replied, "Having music and art available in schools gives students the opportunity for their creativity to come alive. For some artists like myself, school is where students explore and recognize their talents, abilities and passions."

