



Arts4All Florida Now Accepting Nominations for 2020-2021 Student of the Month Recognition Program

Arts4All Florida's *Annual Student of the Month Recognition Program* strives to increase public awareness of the impact arts make on students with disabilities. Students who participate in the arts develop creativity, have increased self-confidence, understand teamwork, have increased language and math skills and are generally more engaged. It's time to endorse this understanding, recognizing students monthly through this statewide program.

We invite you to recognize a student in one of two age categories, (5-13) & (14-22), who exemplify outstanding work in or through the arts. The student artist may be accomplished in the visual arts, music, dance, theater, literary arts or merely demonstrate amazing personal achievement and leadership through one of the art forms. Each month Arts4All Florida will select one student in each age category from a pool of students that have been nominated by administrators, educators, teaching artists, community members and parents using our easy-to-navigate, online application tool. The winning students will be featured on the Arts4All Florida website and in our monthly e-newsletter as well as receive a personalized award.

To be nominated a student must meet the following criteria:

- Be a student enrolled in a Florida public or private school. Home schooled students are definitely included!
- Meet the age requirements for one of the two categories. (ages 5-13 or 14-22)
- Exhibit outstanding artistry, personal growth, increased self-confidence or leadership through their work in the arts
- Be in good academic and behavioral standing

Nominations will be accepted throughout the school year. Once one school year ends, the process will begin again for the following school year. Winners will be selected beginning September 15, 2020 and will continue monthly through May 2021.

It's time to get started!

Please follow the link <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5759948/2020-2021-Student-of-the-Month-Recognition-Program-application> to begin the nomination process. When asked to write a narrative, **please expound**...we love a well written nomination! **Be keenly aware of question #21** where you are asked to send support materials. We love to receive photos, music clips and videos as supporting evidence that your student artist is one we absolutely must select!

For more information, please contact wfinklea@usf.edu or 813/974-0715.

**Watch Jake receiving the "Student of the Month" award from Arts4All Florida Regional Coordinator, Pat York: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvTQIvnNvXU> forward to 7min30sec.