



*The ALTA Foundation
proudly recognizes the recipients of the
I Believe in Myself Scholarship*

*The ALTA[®] Foundation is pleased to sponsor the annual
I Believe in Myself Scholarship.*

Current students (ages 9 through 17) of ALTA[®] members in good standing are eligible to submit entries to the scholarship committee. Applicants submit a short original essay explaining why art is important in their life. The winner will be announced at the ALTA[®] annual conference and will receive a \$250 scholarship towards art lessons of their choice during the following summer. Joan Hogge, an ALTA member, has graciously provided funding for this scholarship.

2007

Cassandra Mendez

4th Grade, North Bridge Elementary
Weslaco, Texas
Deborah Kremer, CALT

"Painting makes the world colorful and happy and it allows me to express a full range of thoughts and emotions. It allows me to reach beyond the confines of the black and white world of print."

2008

William W. Wells

3rd Grade, Kinkaid School
Houston, Texas
Patricia Cavanagh, CALT

"For me, life without art would be like a missing piece of the puzzle. I would be missing my free spirit and some of my soul. To me art is everything"

2009

Ethan Kohnle

6th Grade, Southwest Academy
Allen, Texas
Peggy Brooks, CALT

"Writing and spelling are difficult for me, but I am proud when I do my best. People with dyslexia have special gifts and are very smart. Spending my summer trying new art mediums would be an awesome experience."

2010

Sadie Rose du Vigneaud

4th Grade, Saint Marks School
Houston, Texas
Marian Cisarik, CALT

"In math and science class I doodle pictures to help me understand the subject better. Art is a great thing to do. It is important in my life because it makes me feel like I am special."

2011

Gavin Buchanan

7th Grade, Legacy School of Rockwall
Royce City, Texas
Faith Houston, CALT

“Art is an expression of the artist’s reality and imagination. An artist can see “*artspectiv*e” in everything. Art is like a mirror, it reflects your soul.”

2012

Emily Surrell

6th Grade, Upper Valley Waldorf School
Windsor, Vermont
Mary Jean Oman, CALT

“Instead of talking, I drew pictures. When I was mad or sad, I would draw pictures with dark colors. When I was happy, I drew with light, beautiful colors. I still draw pictures, and I see my words in the art I make. “

2013

Hailey Hendershot

3rd Grade, Fort Bend Christian Academy
Sugar Land, Texas
Elizabeth Spieldenner, CALT

“I like art because it is entertaining, sets your mind free, lets you express your opinion, and there is no right or wrong way to do it. Art is inspiring and entertaining.”

2014

Caitlynn Covington

3rd Grade, Castle Hills Elementary
Lewisville, Texas
Tammy Lea, CALT

“If you believe you can make it, you can create anything! Art is important to me because without art, the world would be blank.”

2015

Michael Iessa Spalding

3rd Grade, Riverbend Montessori
Sugarland, Texas
Elizabeth Spieldenner, CALT

“Art is magical because it helps people experience something new. Sculpture, making art from trash, photo albums, drawing cartoons and painting abstract art on canvas make me feel talented.”

2016

Henry Wizel

4th Grade, Kinkaid School
Houston, Texas
Pat Cavanagh, CALT

“Art is important to me in so many ways. I express myself with art. I use my art to communicate and create. Art helps me remember things, and it makes life exciting.”

2017

LaShania Rodgers

6th Grade, Red Oak Middle School
Red Oak, Texas
Aly McDowell, CALT

“Art is an expression of the soul, and what I am feeling. I believe God is the ultimate artist. His art can be found on every person, animal, and plant.”

2018 Winner’s Donation

Due to a generous donation from “Trae” Zoltan Pocza III the ALTA Foundation was able to offer a second student the opportunity to receive art lessons. The ALTA Foundation wishes to thank Trae and his family for providing art lessons for a fellow student.

2018

Zoltan M. Pocza III "Trae"

3rd Grade, McKinney Christian Academy
McKinney, Texas

Lori Petrowski, CALT

"There are MILLIONS of kids just like me that want the world to know that it's OK to be different, that different is pretty cool too!"

2018

Audrie Mangel

5th Grade, Rolph Literacy Academy
Towanda, Kansas

Kathryn N. Voth, CALT

Audrie wishes to thank Trae for the opportunity to take art lessons. It was an awesome experience!

2019

Elizabeth Okoroji

4th Grade, IL Leadership of Texas
Grand Prairie, Texas

May Shen, CALT

Without art I would be so sad and wouldn't know what to do. I love art. My pictures are friends with me. They look so good!



Thank you to all the students and therapists who have entered the "I Believe in Myself" Essay Contest.

You are all winners!

They believed they could

so they did