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COLLEGE ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR MONTEREY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

(Seaside, CA - February 2, 2021) The Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) will award up to seven \$2,500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors pursuing a higher learning degree in an arts field. These scholarships are creating an investment in our students right at the beginning of their artistic and academic career, thanks to donations through Monterey County Gives!

This scholarship empowers local youth to achieve their dreams and contribute to the county's creative vitality and rich artistic heritage upon graduation. Career opportunities in creative fields are growing and varied, from design (graphic design, architecture) to digital arts (filmmaking, game design, photography), literature to performing arts to visual arts (including crafts such as ceramics).

"We are so thankful to our generous MCGives! donors who are supporting this program to award college arts scholarships to local high schools. Now, more than ever, our students need the community's support to reach their goal of a higher education in a creative field," states Jacquie Atchison, Arts4MC Executive Director.

Congratulations to 2020's Recipients of the College Arts Scholarships: Daisy Swanson (York School), Joshua Cho (Pacific Grove High School), Isabella Jolie Apodaca (King City High School), Vanessa Stacy Valenziela Berumen (Seaside High School) and Mariah Trinity (Marina High School).

"Young artists are important because these individuals are the future, they are the next illustrators for medical books, the next graphic designers for the latest technology, they are the next fashion designers. Their possibilities are endless and having support from their community encourages these young artists to pursue their careers in the arts and contribute their talents to the world.," states Vanessa, College Arts Scholarship Recipient 2020.

Apply today by visiting arts4mc.org/scholarships, deadline is March 25th at 11:59pm.

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The mission of the Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) is to improve the quality of life for everyone in our region through the arts. For more information, please email info@arts4mc.org.

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