



## May 2022 Newsletter

Here is what we have included for you in this newsletter:

- 22-23 NebraskARTS Award Application Open
- Poetry Activated Competition Results
- Join NFTA today! Memberships start at \$25/year.



## 2022-23 NebraskARTS Award Application Open

Nebraskans for the Arts is happy to announce that the application form is now open for 2022-23. Each year, Nebraskans for the Arts honors two Nebraska school or school districts that have supported and encouraged achievement in the media arts, visual arts, dance, music, and/or theatre.

We encourage you to fill in an application to celebrate a Nebraska school or school district with a strong commitment to arts education.

**Applications are due on October 14, 2022.**

The two winners will be notified on Monday, December 12, 2022, with celebration ceremonies taking place at each winner's school location in Spring 2023. Winners receive a special trophy and legislative resolution recognizing their achievement.

You can find the application [here](#). If you have any questions about completing the application, or want to receive it in Word format, please contact [Petra](#).



### 2022 Poetry Activated Competition Results

In May, Nebraskans for the Arts, in partnership with the Nebraska Arts Council, invited high school students (grades 9 – 12) across our state to participate in the second annual Nebraska Poetry Activated: A poetry-writing competition for students.

Poetry has the power to captivate, illuminate, and motivate. In reflection of this, Nebraskans for the Arts welcomed Nebraska students to compose and submit an original "advocacy poem" - a poem that brings to light an issue in their community, advocates for something about which they are passionate, or encourages progress in a specific area of society.

We are excited to announce the winners in the 2022 Nebraska Poetry Activated competition:

**1st place (prize: \$200)**

Aliyah American Horse, Gordon-Rushville High School  
*Shed No Tears, Unci*

**2nd place (prize: \$100)**

Max Veasman, Skutt Catholic High School  
*... and they call her canvas*

**3rd place (prize: \$50)**

Sophia Doyle, Callaway High School  
*The Wounds We Have Caused*

**Finalists**

Kenzie Mattox, Lincoln Southwest High School  
*Sixteen Going on Nineteen*

Devin Konicek, Burwell High School  
*The Unknown*

These poems will be compiled into a mini booklet and sent to the winning students this summer. Congratulations, students!

We also want to extend a warm thank you to our judges:

Jeevan Narney  
Zedeka Poindexter  
Ann Quinlan

Find out more about Poetry Activated [here!](#)

**Join Nebraskans for the Arts Today! Memberships start at \$25/year!**

If you are not yet a member of Nebraskans for the Arts, now is a great time to change that! Individual memberships start at \$25/year. Memberships support NFTA advocacy and activities.

To become a member, visit our website [here](#).



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