

Previous Guelph Arts Council Youth Opportunities Award Recipients

- 2009 – John F. Ross Student **Aalyieh Afshar** for mounting a youth art show
- 2010 – **Guelph Little Theatre and Season Singers** for youth to learn soundboard technology
– **Wesley Bates** for a youth graphic short story project in Wellington County
- 2011 – **Guelph Spoken Word** for a youth workshop series in conjunction with youth poetry slams at Guelph Public Library
- 2012 – **Children’s Art Collective** (Melissa Mazar and Carolyn Meili) for a Grade 3 children’s self-portrait show at Art on the Street
- 2013 – no award
- 2014 – **Nathan Gatten, in partnership with portrait artist Meredith Blackmore**, for a series of free “Try-It” workshops targeted to youth 14 to 24 years
– **Children’s Art Factory** (Melissa Mazar) for a collaborative project that will see Guelph youth engaged in the creation of a piece of “meaningful public art
– **Guelph Film Festival** for a workshop for teens focusing on using accessible smart phone and tablet technology to create “innovative, ‘guerilla-style” documentary films
- 2015 – **Shera Mekhail** for Creation Station, an inclusive space for diverse youth to express and connect with the community and each other through meaningful art experiences
- 2016 – **Jessica Jang** for her Print Power Project, a free community-based weekend-long learning experience for youth aged 14 to 19
– **Shelldale Better Beginnings, Better Futures** for a new art program for girls in Grades 7 to 12 in the Onward Willow neighbourhood area of high-density housing and a large immigrant and refugee population
- 2017 – **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic High School**, for a collaboration between manufacturing and visual arts students to create a found-metal sculpture
– **Artsy Activist Group**, to establish a discussion, art, and action-based collective for youth, aged 14 to 19, including but not limited to LGBTQ2S+, female-identified, Indigenous, immigrant and youth of colour
- 2018 – **Queer Youth Arts Guelph**, for assistance in presenting an arts showcase event for young queer artists aged 13 to 20 from all backgrounds and skill levels of art
- 2019 – **Guelph Tool Library**, for an accessible multi-week course for youth that would focus on the sustainable use of textiles for clothing and creative projects
– **Simone Racine**, for a positivity stone workshop that would bring together a diverse group of young people to decorate rocks with positive messages for placement around town, beginning a positivity cycle.