



FY2015 R2AC Artist Mentor Grant Awards

The Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment, passed by Minnesota voters on November 4, 2008, has made it possible for the Region 2 Arts Council to award \$5,600 in Artist Mentor Grants to young artists in our region.

Region 2 Arts Council Artist Mentor grants were awarded to eight 8th-12th grade student artists to mentor with a professional artist or to attend a camp or workshop in their arts discipline.

Allyson Allen, a Beltrami County 8th Grader at Trek North Jr. & Sr. High School, received \$1,000 to study voice with Bemidji-based vocal instructor Kari Ekhoﬀ.

Emily Kivi, a Beltrami County 12th grader at Bemidji High School, received \$600 to attend *Bravo!*, a camp for talented string students at the University of Minnesota, and study violin with Sally O'Reilly.

Skylar Fynboh, a Hubbard County 11th grader at Perpich Center for Arts Education, received \$1,000 to study guitar with Bemidji-based guitar instructor Caleb Erickson.

Nikita Graves, a Beltrami County 10th grader at Bemidji High School, received \$1,000 to study painting with acrylics and color theory with mentor, Alice Blessing.

McKenzy Wegley, a Beltrami County 10th grader at Voyageurs Expeditionary School, received \$1,000 to study guitar Bemidji-based guitar instructor Lou Samsa.

Alyssa Daken, a Beltrami County 11th grader at Kelliher High School, received \$1,000 to study creative writing with author and mentor Julia Lee.