

2013 Ohio Watercolor Society
Hodnett-Hacker Memorial High School Student Scholarship



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I am a high school student from Mentor, Ohio, and I have been taking classes in my school's fine art program for the past four years. Visual art has always demanded my attention and in return it serves as the canvas for my introspection and imagination. My artwork is often very personal and independent, though I take pride in contributing an artistic viewpoint as a costumes and makeup crewmember of my high school theatre. This experience has helped me to develop a great appreciation for the art community in all its forms, whether visual, literary, or performing. I am certain that art is a part of my nature that will follow me wherever I might go. Still, growing as an artist has been a journey that I am determined to continue; I plan to attend the Cleveland Institute of Art in the fall and pursue an art career.

Titled "Daily Grind", my painting depicts the passive conversion into consciousness. The bright, charming mood of the breakfast table is that of an early morning that we are accustomed to- one that we sometimes reluctantly accept and at other times welcome like a familiar friend. I was inspired by the waking process and the gathering of thoughts as we move between one state of mind and the next, routinely, our lives sitting on a schedule of mornings and nights. Strangely, sleep is very natural to the human mind, yet so is the caffeine I use to defy it.

