

2015 Ohio Watercolor Society
Hodnett-Hacker Memorial High School Student Scholarship



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I am a recent National Trail High School graduate. I've always enjoyed drawing and making art, but I didn't know what I was truly capable of until I took Art I-IV in high school. My high school art teacher, Mrs. Diane Alexander, is to thank for introducing me to so many different mediums of art and for guiding me along the way. The artwork I've made in the past four years of high school has reflected my experiences and thoughts as I've grown. I really enjoy drawing people and hope to continue improving my skills in that area. In addition to art classes, I took the chance to explore other varieties of art in my high school by participating in band and the drama club. Art will always be a part of my life no matter what path I choose because it's so freeing. In art, I'm able to revisit my favorite places, tell stories, and showcase my imagination.

I've always felt inspired to draw and paint animals because I'm fascinated by them and I like their honest expression. I was inspired to paint "Ferret" because I liked the ferret's charming attitude and adventurous spirit. The tree in the painting seems to be the ferret's security while the rest of the woods or field the ferret is surveying might be new territory. I think a lot of my artwork indicates subjects that are important to me or subjects that make me happy and this little ferret definitely makes me smile.

