

# GEORGE E. HENRY INDIGENOUS STUDENT VISUAL ARTS AWARD

\$500.00



## Criteria

To a student who demonstrates passion for the arts as evident by an exceptional portfolio of visual art works completed during a semester. This student must also show academic achievement in the arts showing a commitment to the study of visual arts. This student must also show a positive and determined attitude towards art expression and the value of art to positively contribute to community development.

## Deadline

See your school's guidance/student services office.

## Selection Process

The recipient will be determined by the School Awards Committee

## History

George E. Henry was a huge advocate and supporter of Indigenous fine art and dramatic arts. George is from Chippewas of the Thames First Nation. He spent 2012-2014 co-writing a play with playwright Marion Johnson as a project to celebrate War of 1812 commemoration events. He and Marion wrote a play about Tecumseh and his important role in Canada's history during the War of 1812. George is the founder of Antler River Trading Co., a screen print company specializing in Indigenous artwork on clothing. He understood the power of art to cross borders and create dialogue between cultures. George enjoyed sharing the stories behind the art and their larger meaning within Indigenous cultures at various venues and forums since 1986. He passed on in 2018 leaving us with a so much. His determination, passion, and commitment to pursue those things in life that bring happiness is an inspiration to us. He was a community developer at heart and had great pride in his identity as an Anishinaabe Ojibwe. In his honour, the family would like to honour those Indigenous youth who shine in the arts.

## Available To

Saunders Secondary School