

# MATT PAPIRMEISTER AWARD



Youth Art  
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# STUDENT APPLICATION 2024-25

NAME

ADDRESS

ARTWORK CREATED

HIGH SCHOOL

ART TEACHER

PHONE/EMAIL

STUDENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit your responses to the two essay questions on a separate sheet of paper. Your essays may be handwritten or typed, and emailed or attached in a Word document. The word limit per essay is 500 words. Both essays must be original works and by your signature above, you attest to the fact that each essay is an original work authored by you. Your application, two essays and a digital version of your completed painting (18"x24" wrapped stretched canvas) must be submitted by Sunday, March 2, 2025 at 11:59 pm. The Art Teacher Evaluation Form will be submitted independently by your art teacher. You may submit your completed application including your two essays and a digital version of your painting to your art teacher or email them to: [jan@youthartforhealing.org](mailto:jan@youthartforhealing.org).

## QUESTION 1

What impact did it have on you to create a painting to bring healing, inspiration and comfort to others?

## QUESTION 2

Going forward, what are your plans to continue being involved in activities that benefit your community?

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## ART TEACHER EVALUATION FORM 2024-25

STUDENT NAME

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ART TEACHER NAME

PLEASE EVALUATE THE STUDENT IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS WITH 5 BEING THE HIGHEST.

COMMITMENT TO CREATING A HEALING PAINTING FOR OTHERS

1

2

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4

5

ENTHUSIASM AND DEDICATION

1

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UNDERSTANDS THE HEALING POWER OF ART

1

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EXHIBITS GOOD WORK HABITS AND ETHICS

1

2

3

4

5

ACCEPTS INSTRUCTION AND SUGGESTIONS

1

2

3

4

5

COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

1

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FINANCIAL NEED

1

2

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5

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

ART TEACHER SIGNATURE

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# INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES 2024-25

## SUBMISSION DATE: MARCH 2, 2025 BY 11:59 P.M.

This award is in memory and honor of Matt Papirmeister, cherished son of Youth Art For Healing founder Jan Papirmeister and her husband Chuck, and big brother of Sara. Matt lived with exuberance. A talented artist, Matt created outstanding fine line drawings, dry-wit cartoons, and whimsical clay sculptures. Kind and generous, he connected easily with others and loved making people laugh, often leaving family and friends in stitches. Raised in Vermont, Matt loved hiking, camping, and snowboarding. With his natural classic golf swing, he excelled at the game and competed in tournaments. He loved to travel, was a fearless adventurer, and made many friends on his journeys. Matt was always ready to give a helping hand and literally the coat off his back when needed. With love for this country, Matt enlisted in the US Army and served as a Stryker driver during the Iraq War. For his military service, Matt received the Army Commendation Medal in addition to seven other medals and ribbons.

Tragically, a week before his 25th birthday, Matt passed away after being struck by a car while helping a person with her disabled vehicle. Matt's kindness and giving spirit continued on with the donation of his heart and kidney, giving two people - a father and a young man - the Gift of Life.

In recognition of Matt's kind, caring, and creative spirit, YAFH developed the Matt Papirmeister Award to help students pursue higher education, continue to promote the important connection between art and healing, and go forward in life giving to others. The creators of this award envision a world in which healthcare environments are warm and welcoming spaces that promote healing and renewal. Our mission is to bring joy and comfort to patients, their loved ones and healthcare professionals through the vibrant works of art created by student artists.

The winners of the Matt Papirmeister Award will be determined by the YAFH Board. Board members will review all applicants' essays, digital versions of completed 18" x 24" paintings (on wrapped stretched canvas), and evaluation scores determined by art teachers. The paintings created by the two award winners will be given to a local healthcare partner to provide a sense of comfort, inspiration and healing. All other applicants may choose to keep or give their paintings to a healthcare partner. The award is offered only to high school seniors. The vote is final and not subject to appeal.

Two winners will each receive a \$3,000 award payable directly to the post-secondary school where the respective students will be enrolled after high school graduation. In some cases, the award may be deferred for a period of one year. If the award is not used in that period of time, it is forfeited. Each winner must produce a letter of acceptance and tuition bill. The award is to pay for or offset tuition and will not be refunded for personal use.

It is our hope that the award winners will be inspired by and carry forward Matt's exuberance for life, his kind spirit, and his caring for others.



Youth Art For Healing is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to bring works of art created by youth into healthcare environments to provide a sense of comfort, inspiration, and healing for patients and their loved ones, and healthcare professionals.

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