

Community Partner Spotlight

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The Philip J. Steele Arts Education Foundation and Colorado Kids Create are now collaborating to distribute Art in a Box awards. We currently have funding available for art supplies for 12 schools for the Fall 2022 school year, and all that art teachers need to do is apply!

Who We Are

Our 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations share a common mission, although we go about it in different ways. The Philip J. Steele Arts Education Foundation encourages, mentors, and supports students in the Colorado visual arts community through our Art in a Box program. These awards assist underfunded K-12 art teachers and their students by providing quality art supplies to classrooms throughout the state that they could otherwise not afford.



Colorado Kids Create encourages and empowers artistic self-expression in children. This year is the ninth annual state-wide art contest which provides students with the opportunity to become published illustrators. Each year the winning illustrations are published in a book, which is printed and sold on the Colorado Kids Create website. 100% of the profits from book sales go toward art supplies for Colorado teachers.

What We Do

We are now working together as one to fulfill both of our missions to serve Colorado kids and the art programs that are essential to their creative growth. Art teachers are in need of tangible support and are in the best position to use our direct donation of art supplies to nurture creative projects in the classroom. By facilitating this program, we have become partners in embracing the artistic passions and ambitions of young students across the state.



Our 2021 Grand Prize Winner is Catie Crotty!

How to Apply

Colorado Kids Create is now accepting all applications for the Art in a Box program. The art teachers who are selected will receive tailor-made boxes of art supplies valued at \$350 each delivered directly to their school. If you are an art teacher in an underserved school in need of art supplies for your students, please complete the application at:

<http://www.coloradokidscreate.org/>

Selection criteria is based on financial need. Applications are reviewed and Art in a Box awards are distributed on a rolling basis as funds become available. ●