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**Subject: Message #102: College Board Award for Excellence and Innovation in the Arts**

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**To: ccss@list.state.ar.us**

**From: Arkansas Department of Education Curriculum and Instruction Unit**

Dear Arkansas Educators,

The College Board presents annual awards, the Awards for Excellence and Innovation in the Arts, to recognize and celebrate the achievements of arts initiatives for students in Grades 6-12 that promote learning and creativity in exemplary and innovative ways. Awards are given in the following three categories:

**Arts Integration:** Awarding an initiative that uses an innovative approach to cross-curricular study, drawing connections between arts-based learning and the themes, content, and ideas of other subjects.

**Equity through the Arts:** Awarding a program that uses the arts as a tool for increasing academic engagement among underrepresented students.

**Civic Engagement/Professional Partnerships:** Recognizing a program that uses arts experiences as vehicles for engagement with local arts professionals and/or nonprofit organizations.

An award of \$5,000 will be given to a winning school in each category. Among the three winning schools, one will be named the national winner and awarded an additional \$2,500. The application deadline is April 18, 2016.

For more information and application instructions, visit

<https://artsaward.collegeboard.org/award>

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*Please share this information with others that might be interested. Thank you for serving the students of Arkansas.*

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