

Participating in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards
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This year, every 8th-grader in King's Arts and Tech Magnet was asked to place an entry in the Scholastic Art and Writing Contest. The contest began in 1923 to celebrate the nation's youth and their creativity. Students in 7-12th grades are allowed to participate and enter work into 28 different art and writing categories. Some of the past winners of the awards include Andy Warhol, Truman Capote, and Robert Redford. I was glad to participate in such a contest that so many famous artists, actors and writers have also participated in.

This was my first year in this competition, and we were supposed to create art and writing that showed originality, technical skill and personal vision. For my category, I chose photography. I knew I wanted photography right away, but I couldn't decide what image to capture. One day, I was shooting, trying to get a good picture by my garage, when I snapped a perfect shot of my little brother. I immediately loved it and knew this was the one I wanted to use.

When the awards were announced, I was very excited to have received Honorable Mention for the photo. Many of my classmates were honored as well. From T. S. King, we had 33 winners! We had nine Gold Key winners who will compete nationally.

I learned a lot about photography and image editing, and I look forward to participating again next year.

Check out all of our entries at our class website: <http://king-tech-arts-saw.weebly.com>