



New York Life Award Presented by the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards 2018



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Grief is a difficult journey, but having a creative outlet can provide a safe space. But for teens trying to make peace with the loss of a parent, a teacher, a caregiver, or even a friend, finding ways to express bereavement can open a door to healing.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards and the New York Life Foundation have created a special partnership to encourage bereaved teens in grades 7–12 who have personally experienced a loss through the death of a close loved one to create original works of art or writing that explore their responses to a range of grief and emotion.

New York Life Award

The New York Life Award will provide six students with \$1,000 scholarships through the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. This national recognition will acknowledge students who have experienced the death of a close loved one and who have explored that loss in their creative work.

Healing with Art & Writing

As part of this initiative, the New York Life Foundation, in partnership with the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, will be providing free art and writing workshops with a special focus on bereavement. These workshops are designed to give grieving

students creative outlets for dealing with the death of a close loved one or other kinds of loss such as the displacement of a caregiver.

For more information, email info@artandwriting.org or visit artandwriting.org/newyorklife.

About the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, founded in 1923, recognize and celebrate the most creative teens in America. The Scholastic Awards received more than 330,000 submissions in 29 categories of art and writing from students in grades 7–12 nationwide last year, and distribute more than \$250,000 in direct scholarships annually. The Scholastic Awards are administered by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. To learn more, please visit artandwriting.org.

About the New York Life Foundation

Inspired by New York Life's tradition of service and humanity, the New York Life Foundation has, since its founding in 1979, provided \$217 million in charitable contributions to national and local nonprofit organizations. The Foundation supports programs that benefit young people, particularly in the areas of educational enhancement and childhood bereavement. The Foundation also encourages and facilitates the community involvement of employees, agents, and retirees of New York Life through its Volunteers for Good program. To learn more and for bereavement resources, please visit newyorklifefoundation.org.

Above: *I Buried My Sister In an Open Field*, Painting by Benjamin Cruz, Grade 12, Age 17, Idyllwild Arts Academy, Idyllwild, CA