

## TWO AVON STUDENTS WIN 2010 NATIONAL ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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Avon student Benjamin Weiss was the runner up in the age 6 category for the 2010 National Artistic Achievement Awards. ArtStamps  
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ArtStamps, a national school or group fundraising company in Farmington that turns student artwork into U.S. postage stamps and other products, announced the winners of its 2010 National Artistic Achievement Awards. ArtStamps honored 50 students throughout the nation in five age categories, who won based on the originality and creativity of their artwork.

Benjamin Weiss won the Runner Up award (\$50) in the 6 and under age category while Gabrielle Ruban won the Honorable Mention award in the age 10-12 category. Both students attend Farmington Valley Academy.

"In addition to helping schools and groups raise money, ArtStamps was created to make a positive impact on children and their education," said George A. Castineiras, founder and CEO of ArtStamps. "We're pleased to acknowledge and reward the artistic talents of the winning students."

ArtStamps converts student art into US postage stamps, note cards or other products, which are then sold by students to raise funds. All students who participate in an

ArtStamps fundraiser are automatically eligible to win the National Artistic Achievement Award. ArtStamps developed this Award to promote creativity in schools and build children's self esteem. Chosen from thousands of pieces of artwork, the NAAA winners have achieved an honored distinction.

First place award winners in each age group receive \$250. To participate in the ArtStamps program and be eligible for next year's award, visit [www.ArtStamps.com/fundraising](http://www.ArtStamps.com/fundraising) or call (877) 4 A STAMP.

The ArtStamps program is available to schools, school districts, educators, parents, parent/teacher organizations, non-profits and other groups across the U.S.

### **About ArtStamps**

Based in Farmington, Connecticut, ArtStamps is a privately held company that believes in supporting the inherent creativity of youth by allowing them to experience school fundraising in unique and extraordinary way. Its patent-pending fundraising process lets students convert their original art into U.S. postage, note cards and an array of other products. Photos, logos and other images can also be applied to over 500 products for fundraising or just for fun. More information about ArtStamps can be found at [www.ArtStamps.com](http://www.ArtStamps.com) or by calling (877) 4 A STAMP.

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