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Deadline Nears for Deborah Newton Arts Awards for Students and Local Artists

ROCKFORD, IL — Community members have just days left to apply or nominate someone for the Deborah Newton Awards, two annual arts honors celebrating creativity in the Rockford region. Applications must be submitted by March 17 at 5:00 pm.

The awards honor the life and artistry of Rockford artist Deborah Newton and encourage artistic exploration and recognition across generations.

Art Experience Scholarship for 7th and 8th Grade Students

The Deborah Newton Art Experience Scholarship is open to 7th and 8th grade students enrolled in public, private, or homeschool programs within the Rockford area.

The selected student will participate in one or more art-making experiences with a local visual artist or arts organization, gaining hands-on exposure to the creative process and new opportunities to explore their artistic interests.

Recognition Award for an Established Adult Artist

A second Deborah Newton Award recognizes an active and established visual artist in the Rockford area who has been engaged in studio art-making for at least one year.

Artists may apply themselves or be nominated by others in the community. The award provides recognition that may include exhibition opportunities, purchase or commission support, and increased visibility for the artist's work.

Students, artists, and nominators are encouraged to apply soon. To learn more or submit an application, visit the Deborah Newton Awards page at womanspace-rockford.org/DLN_Awards.

Applications must be received no later than March 17 at 5:00 pm.

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About Womanspace

Womanspace is a Rockford-based nonprofit dedicated to fostering creativity, personal growth, and meaningful connection through programs in the arts, spirituality, and community engagement. Its programs welcome people of all ages and backgrounds and help cultivate a more compassionate and connected community.