

Acushnet middle schooler receives major art award

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Evan Souto, a fifth-grader at the Ford Middle School, won third place in a statewide art competition. Contributed photo

ACUSHNET — Evan Souto, a fifth grader at Albert F. Ford Middle School, has won third place in the fifth grade level of the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA) College Savings Art Contest. Evan will receive an impressive reward: a \$1,000 U-Fund Scholarship.

MEFA, with support from the Massachusetts Department of Education, sponsors the annual College Savings Art Competition for Massachusetts students in Grades 3, 4, and 5.

While it may seem a long way off, students are asked to submit a piece of artwork illustrating the theme “What do I want to be when I graduate from college?”

All first semester Grade 5 students at Ford Middle participated in creating an entry for the contest this year as part of the art class curriculum under the instruction of art teacher Kristine Daniels.

“In my drawing, I am a firefighter,” Evan explains. “I would like to have that career because it is good for the community.”

Evan's art work was chosen out of thousands of entries from students across the state. Evan and the other state finalists will be honored at a ceremony at the Massachusetts Statehouse later this spring.