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## **Can'd Aid Foundation and Raasin in the Sun Invite High Schoolers to Help Beautify Austin with Mural Contest**

**AUSTIN, TX** – Calling all high schoolers! The Can'd Aid Foundation and Raasin in the Sun have teamed up to present a one-of-a-kind opportunity to feature one student's work of art on an 8x12 ft. mural on Chicon Street. One winning artist will secure a hands-on art internship with famed local artist Janis Fowler. She will mentor the student on how to adapt and scale the work of art into a mural. Painting of the mural will take place this fall.

This mural contest was conceived in collaboration by both organizations as a way to engage youth and beautify Austin. "Youth are often dismissed and not trusted to participate as active members in their communities. Raasin and I were talking and we wanted to create a platform for teens to have a voice, share their vision and actively participate in creating an Austin they are proud of," says Sarah Leavitt the Director of Operations and Programs for Can'd Aid.

Raasin McIntosh, founder and Director of Raasin in the Sun adds, "Beautification in the form of artist expression has the ability to impact lives young and old. I'm excited to see where students take this. They have a unique opportunity to rise and shine for the community of east Austin."

**Eligibility:** All high school students currently enrolled in grades 9-12<sup>th</sup> are invited to submit artwork that embodies the themes of sustainability | community | joy | modernity | equality | kindness.

- Artwork must be 8x12in. (or proportionate to that)
- Artwork may use any medium desired (paint, drawing, graphic design, etc.)

Submissions are being accepted online at [www.candaid.org/atxmural](http://www.candaid.org/atxmural) until **Friday September 21, 2018 at 11:59p.m. CST**



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