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**TWO SMITH-HALE STUDENTS EARN ART SCHOLARSHIPS**

Smith-Hale Middle School sixth grade student Tre'veon Price and seventh grade student Mario Lee received full scholarships to the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art/ Ford Learning Center for the winter 2009 session. Price and Lee completed all requirements for entrance into the program and several Smith-Hale teachers submitted letters of recommendation on their behalf.

These young men have shown a real interest in developing their artistic talents and skills," said Michael Coleman, the community liaison at Smith-Hale.

The Ford Learning Center, located in the Museum, provides innovative programs and classes to students through the Nelson-Atkins' most unique asset—its outstanding collection of art. Inside the Ford Learning Center, students' direct experience with some of the world's great works of art allows for individual discovery and self-expression.

"This experience provides Tre'veon and Mario the foundation for exploring their artistic dreams," Coleman said.

Funding for the scholarships and the Ford Learning Center is made possible through the Ford Motor Company Fund. Students interested in applying for the spring session can contact Janine Carter, the museum's community program specialist at (816) 561-4000.

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