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Tyson Evans Youth Art Scholarship winner Oliver Armstrong accepts his prize from Koliana Winchester.

Art is Oliver's strong point

A photorealistic puzzle painting and a shell-inspired sculpture carved from Hebel block have won a Clear Mountain resident a \$2000 art scholarship.

Oliver Armstrong has been named the recipient of the Tyson Evans Youth Art Scholarship for 2015.

The Genesis Christian College student enjoys "experimenting with different mediums". His portrait of American painter and photographer Chuck Close was created as a jigsaw puzzle, symbolising the artist having prosopagnosia - the inability to recognise faces.

The art scholarship, sponsored by Moreton Bay Regional Council, is named in honour of Tyson Evans, an award-winning Redcliffe artist who passed away in 1997, aged 15.

Moreton Bay Region councillor for the Redcliffe district, Koliana Winchester, said the scholarship is an opportunity for the region's young artists "to have their works professionally displayed" and "to receive financial assistance to pursue their creative studies".

Entrants, who must be aged between 12 and 18 years and live in or attend a school in the Moreton Bay Region, submit two pieces and a folio of work for judges' consideration.

The winning artworks will be on display with other selected pieces at the Redcliffe City Art Gallery, 470 Oxley Avenue, Redcliffe until 12 September.