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### **VSA arts Announces 2010 Call for Student Writing: *EsSense***

BRUNSWICK, ME – VSA *arts* of Maine invites students with a disability or with a connection to someone with a disability, to submit their works of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry to the 2010 VSA arts Call for Student Writing: "*EsSense*." The theme of the competition is "Essence," and students' writings should strive to reflect the 'essence' of their world, as characterized by one of the five senses.

The top entry from Maine will receive a \$50 stipend and may be selected to become part of VSA arts' online writing journal, *Infinite Difference*. For more details about the theme of this competition, or for application/entry guidelines, go to VSA arts' website at <http://www.vsarts.org/x889.xml>. **Submissions are due to VSA arts by November 20, 2009.** For additional information or questions please contact VSA arts of Maine's Education Director, Rachel Spatz at [rspatz@vsartsmaine.org](mailto:rspatz@vsartsmaine.org) or (207) 930-0190.

*VSA arts of Maine* is an affiliate of VSA *arts'* international network, dedicated to promoting education and lifelong learning opportunities in the arts for people with disabilities. Founded in 1974 by Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith, VSA arts is an affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

## About VSA arts of Maine

**VSA arts of Maine** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization providing innovative and inclusive arts, educational and cultural opportunities for children and adults with disabilities in Maine. Programs include artist residencies in schools, workshops for teachers and artists, apprenticeships for and exhibitions by adult artists with disabilities, and partnerships with cultural venues throughout the state to improve accessibility. For more information, see [www.vsartsmaine.org](http://www.vsartsmaine.org). **VSA arts of Maine** is currently in the process of merging with **ArtVan**. The **ArtVan** program centers around an actual, brightly colored van which brings artists, art therapists, volunteers and equipment to public housing developments, day care and Head Start centers, schools and group homes in Bath/Brunswick, Biddeford/Saco and Lewiston/Auburn.