Jennifer Shelton

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**Education:**

Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH. Bachelor’s degree in Women’s Studies. 1997.

Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH. Majored in Fine Arts. 1999-2000

Mount Union University, Alliance, OH. Licensure to teach Visual Art K-12. 2003-2004

University of Tennessee, Martin, Tn. Special Education Endorsement. 2009-2012

# **Work Experience**

## Special Education Teacher

2020-Present

Currently teach Kindergarten to fourth grade students who have severe to profound disabilities within a self contained classroom.

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## K-5 Art Teacher

2014-2020

Taught Art to approximately 950 students at Oakland Elementary School. I see each student twice a month for fifty minutes at a time. I also lead an Art Club and make props and backgrounds for musical performances at the school.

## K-5 Special Education Teacher

2008-2014

Taught students with severe disabilities life skills curriculum at Ashland City Elementary in Ashland City, Tn and at Glenellen Elementary School in Clarksville, Tn.

## Social Worker

2005-2007

Worked as a service provider for RHA Behavioral Health Services in Asheville, NC. Provided counseling services to women with mental health issues.

**Selected Group Exhibitions:**

2021-August-Stay Home Gallery, Paris, TN. Curated by Anna McKeown. Show: Accepting The Unexpected

2020-July-Stay Home Gallery and Residency, Paris, TN. Show: Everything is Different Now

2020-July-Tennessee Art Education Association Exhibition

2019-River Fest Juried Art Show, Clarksville, TN.

**Commissions:**

2020- Commissioned by a local business owner to restore and “tattoo” a vintage ventriloquist doll using old school embroidery motifs.

2019-Commissioned by a retired Austin Peay State University professor (Suta Lee) to create a piece for his daughter for her birthday of an embroidered 9 by 12 inch image that was based on her Chinese Zodiac sign.

 **Art Honors and Awards:**

1st Place Fibers Professional Division, Clarksville River Fest Juried Art Show, 2019

3rd Place Overall Professional Division, Clarksville River Fest Juried Art Show, 2019.

Scholarship from CMCSS to attend the Tennessee Arts Academy, summer of 2019 and 2020.

**Education Honors and Awards:**

Teacher of the Month, Ashland City Elementary Stem Academy, 2023

Distinguished Educator Award, CMCSS Clarksville, TN, 2017.

Point of Pride Award from the Board of Education for CMCSS for being nominated for the Teacher of the Year award for the state of TN, 2014.

**Member of the Following Education Organizations:**

Tennessee Arts Education Association, joined 2014.

Tennessee Education Association, joined 2011.

**Member of the Following Art Organizations:**

Tennessee Arts Academy Association joined 2019.