

LOUDOUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALL FOR ARTISTS

Call for Artist Release Date: June 13, 2022

Work Media: Outdoor Sculpture

Work Size: The proposed area for the sculpture is on a circular base of approximately 13' in diameter. The conceptual height of the combined base and the sculpture is approximately 12'.

Location: The Historic Douglass High School, 407 East Market Street, Leesburg, Virginia

Project Description: Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS), with the Loudoun County School Board-appointed Douglass High School Commemorative Committee (DHSCC), seeks submissions for the design, creation, and placement of an outdoor sculpture for the front plaza of the Historic Douglass High School. Renovation of the school campus is ongoing, and the identified area for the sculpture is in a highly visible location. The area provided for the sculpture is depicted with Exhibits 1 and 2, located on the last pages of this Call.

From the 1941 construction of the school, salvaged metal roofing is available for use in constructing the sculpture. Please contact Donna Torraca at DouglassRenovation@LCPS.org for a sample of the metal.

Information on the LCPS Douglass High School renovation project is available at <https://www.lcps.org/Page/224865>.

History of Douglass High School: Douglass High School was built during segregation and was Loudoun County's first and only black high school from 1941 to 1968 when segregated education ended in the county. The land the school now sits on was purchased by the black community and then conveyed to the Loudoun County School Board so that a school could be built. While LCPS did construct the school, essential items were purchased and donated through the school community's fundraising efforts and included laboratory, home economics, and band equipment – representing a true testament to the struggle for equal rights in education.

The landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Brown v. Board of Education* was decided in 1954 and declared “in the field of public education the doctrine of “separate but equal” has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal” and unconstitutional. Loudoun County did not fully integrate public schools until 1968, when a U.S. Federal Court orders the County to establish geographic attendance zones regardless of race and fully integrate their schools by the 1968-1969 School Year.

Project Requirements: The sculpture design should reflect the black education upward struggle in Loudoun County, focusing on black high school students during the 1940-1970 time period. The sculpture is to be sited and anchored on a circular size pedestal. It will serve as a focal point in the front plaza area and should allow for access on all sides of the sculpture for a 360-degree view and accessibility. The design must be stable, well fabricated, free-standing, and constructed

of durable material to withstand year-round elements including high winds, moisture, and bright sunlight. The artist is responsible for the design of the sculpture and base to ensure a suitable foundation design. Use of the salvaged roofing materials is preferred but not required in the sculpture design. The artwork must be suitable for interaction with the public. The sculpture must be delivered complete and installed by the artist. Permitting submission and fees will be the responsibility of LCPS.

Artist Eligibility: This Call is open to all Artists. Emerging Artists and Artist Teams are encouraged to submit a proposal.

Submission Requirements:

- Sketch of proposed artwork
- Cover letter or written statement describing the proposed sculpture to provide an understanding of the submitted artwork
- Up to three (3) separate sketches/graphics can be submitted by Artist or Artist Team
- Description of Physical Details (including but not limited to):
 - Proposed sculpture dimensions,
 - Materials,
 - Specify if salvaged roofing materials will be used,
 - Base/pedestal dimensions and details (materials), and
 - Foundation requirements for base/pedestal
- Artist resume including contact information, social media pages (e.g., website, Facebook), previous related experience, and sculpture portfolio
- Estimated time to begin and complete the job, including creation and installation
- Full budget, including but not limited to design, materials, build, and installation costs as LCPS cannot pay associated travel expenses (e.g., per diem, lodging, mileage) unless the costs are included in the overall proposed project costs of the Artist
- If selected, Artist will be required to obtain liability insurance. Subcontractors will also be required to obtain liability insurance
- If selected, Artist consent and conveyance of sculpture ownership to the Loudoun County School Board

Submission Due Date: Friday, July 29, 2022, 1:00 P.M. EDT

Submission materials will not be returned.

Selection Process: Submissions will be reviewed by the DHSCC. Submissions will be weighted for overall project cost and project design. Following evaluation, weighting, and selection by the DHSCC, the finalist recommendation will be reviewed by the Loudoun County School Board, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, the Leesburg Commission on Public Art, and the Leesburg Town Council. The final selection and award will be pending funding.

Selection Criteria: Submissions will be weighted for overall project cost and design.

- Originality/Creativity
- Appropriateness
- General Community Appeal
- Proposed project budget, including design and installation

Other evaluation criteria not outlined in this Call may be considered.

Notification to Artist: The selection process will involve several months. An email update, specifically on the review timeline, will be provided to all submitted Artists by November 1, 2022. The update will be sent from DouglassRenovation@lcps.org.

Upon full proposal review and pending project funding, the selected Artist will be notified by U.S. Mail and email. All submitting Artists not selected will be notified by U.S. Mail.

Contact: Proposals should be submitted to the attention of Donna Torraca by hand delivery, mail, or email (10 MB limit) to:

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EXHIBIT 1



EXHIBIT 2

