

Call for Artist Submissions

Women's Suffrage Mural Project

May 18, 2020

Submissions accepted now for the *Women's Suffrage Mural Project*, sponsored by the Chester County Fund for Women and Girls (CCFWG).

CCFWG and the West Chester Borough Public Arts Commission (PAC) invite artists to submit art proposals for a mural to commemorate the women's suffrage movement, particularly the 100th anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote in 1920.

CCFWG and PAC are issuing an open call to invite submissions of original mural art to be juried and selected, in whole or in part, for the *Women's Suffrage Mural Project*.

Background & Theme

To honor the Centennial Anniversary of women earning the right to vote CCFWG is celebrating throughout 2020 with a series of events and programs in partnership with other community-based organizations.

One goal for 2020 is to establish a permanent representation (i.e. community mural) in the Borough of West Chester of this landmark anniversary. While artists' ideas are welcomed, the mural should capture important milestones in the history of women's suffrage, as well as pay homage to current women of the movement and future female leaders who will carry on their legacy. The mural should be a representation of the many generations of women engaged in this movement and in this moment in history.

Benefits

The artist whose work is selected will have their artwork displayed on a prominent building in Downtown West Chester. West Chester is the county seat of Chester County, and home to over 20,000 residents.

West Chester has over 600 businesses bringing in thousands of workers every day. There are 75 restaurants and 60 retailers, as well as dozens of nearby attractions, all of which make West Chester a premier destination for travelers.

The mural artwork may be featured online, in print, and as merchandise by CCFWG, PAC, and other local entities.

The artist whose work is selected will receive a \$500.00 award.

* Upon completion of the mural the artist will receive compensation in the amount of \$8,000.00.

Criteria

- 1.) Artwork must be original.
- 2.) Artwork must embody the women's suffrage movement and its pivotal figures from the past, present, and future.
- 3.) Submitting artists must be able and capable of executing the physical painting of this mural at full scale.
- 4.) Artists may submit up to two works of art.
- 5.) Artists must email artwork as follows and with accompanying documentation.
 - a. Digital media in the form of a PDF or JPG, at a maximum of 3 MB.
 - b. Their name, address, email, and phone number to: mkelly@ccfwg.org with "Women's Suffrage Mural" in the subject line.
 - c. An explanation (100 words or less) of their design and how it reflects the theme of women's suffrage and the 2020 centennial anniversary.

Timeline

The call for submissions opens Thursday, May 28, 2020 and ends Friday, July 24, 2020.

The winning artist will be notified if their work is selected by Monday, August 31, 2020.

Please Note

- 1.) Submission of art will establish an agreement by the artist that selected artwork may be published and promoted by CCFWG, PAC, and the Borough of West Chester. Promotions are not limited to that which are detailed within this document. Further legally binding agreements may be necessary.
- 2.) Selected art may be used in whole or in part.
- 3.) Please send submissions to Maeve Kelly: mkelly@ccfwg.org
Specific questions can be directed to Michelle Legaspi Sánchez:
michelle@ccfwg.org
- 4.) * The COVID-19 outbreak has caused disruptions in both the original projected timeline as well as funding availability for this project. CCFWG and the PAC are committed to seeing the realization of this project; however, a completion date is yet to be determined.
- 5.) The following photos show the intended wall where the mural is to be installed.



