



## Call for Artists

### Requests for Proposals (RFP) for Ivy Tech Community College Fort Wayne Public Art Installation

#### The Project

**Ivy Tech Community College Fort Wayne** is seeking an artist(s) to create site-specific original artwork as part of the College's celebration of its 50 years in Fort Wayne (1969-2019). Ideal installation of the artwork would be located on the College's Coliseum Campus, 3800 North Anthony Boulevard, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805, near the entrance of a greenspace plaza at the corner of Coliseum and Anthony. This opportunity is open to established professional artists living in northeast Indiana's 11-county area. **The application deadline is 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time), January 15, 2019.**

#### The Award

A maximum of a \$12,000 commission (all inclusive of design, materials, construction, installation) for the artist(s) selected to realize his/her work.

#### Project Intent

The location for the public art to be installed will be at Ivy Tech Community College Fort Wayne's Coliseum Campus, near the entrance of a greenspace plaza at the corner of Coliseum and Anthony (close to the new pedestrian bridge on campus). The vision for this project is to create a signature art work of exceptional quality and enduring value located in a prominent public space. This site-specific art work should:

#### Demonstrate artistic excellence.

- Serve as a gateway to campus, its greenspace, and to the pedestrian bridge.
- Enhance the entry to campus and bridge with a distinctive aesthetic experience both highly visible and welcoming to pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Highlight the importance of the College as a community-serving higher education institution, and provide a recognizable identity for Ivy Tech.
- Be an original art piece appropriate for outdoor installation able to stand up to severe weather, vandalism, graffiti, etc. and be adequately and safely displayed and secured.
- Consider site limitations (see proposed possible locations – images attached as appendices). Ground space on the site is limited and will require the selected artist(s) to consider the site's limitations and the art element placement. The design of the artwork should be freestanding yet installed and secure meeting any recommended City of Fort Wayne code and state statutes (including IC5-16) for safety reasons.
- Create a signature presence for Ivy Tech as a gateway to campus, the green space, and the pedestrian bridge. This can be whimsical and/or colorful; incorporate an image or feeling of higher education, lifelong learning; reflect on 50 years in Fort Wayne, progression, transformation, and college roots as a trade school; or, highlight the important work Ivy Tech does for the workforce of northeast Indiana. It should be welcoming, inclusive, and represent diversity.
- Provide excitement and interest for the community as a whole.
- Celebrate Ivy Tech Community College Fort Wayne's identity and 50-year history.



- Reference links include but not limited to:
  - <https://www.ivytech.edu/fortwayne/>
  - <https://www.ivytech.edu/fortwayne/administration/index.html>
  - <https://www.ivytech.edu/about/>
  - <https://strategicplan.ivytech.edu/>

### **Information about the Site and Immediate Surroundings**

The Coliseum Campus of Ivy Tech Community College is located on E. Coliseum Blvd. between Anthony Blvd. and Crescent Avenue. St. Joseph River and the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum are located just to the west of Anthony Blvd., Purdue University Fort Wayne is located on the north side of Coliseum Blvd. Concordia High School and retail shops are located south of the campus. A recently constructed pedestrian bridge crosses Coliseum Blvd. and travels east/west through the grassy area between Coliseum Blvd and the north parking area of Ivy Tech. A new sidewalk is planned to connect the pedestrian walkway to the sidewalk at Anthony Blvd. The new bridge and sidewalk will provide connectivity on the northwest corner of the Ivy Tech property for the Fort Wayne bike trails, local businesses, the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Purdue Fort Wayne, and Ivy Tech. The contour of the property in the area of the pedestrian bridge is relatively flat on the west end of the property with increasing degrees of slope on approach to the bridge.

Ariel view with proposed sidewalk and location attached.

Also attached are potential locations for the commissioned artwork.

### **Eligibility**

The competition is open to established professional artists living in the 11-county (Allen, Adams, DeKalb, Huntington, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, Whitley, Kosciusko, LaGrange) service area of Ivy Tech Fort Wayne in northeast Indiana. Only professional artists with reviewable portfolios are eligible to apply. While artists whose work is well represented within the City collection are eligible to apply, the artist selection panel will consider artistic diversity as one factor in the selection process.

The commissioned artist(s) will work with the College staff to create a site-specific, durable piece for this outdoor installation. Applicants who wish to be considered for this project should have experience working within the public process, in public settings, as well as a proven ability to fabricate their own work or to work with fabricators and installers. The artwork for this site must reflect the Project Intent as described above.

The commissioned artist(s) will be required to provide evidence of appropriate liability, property damage, and workers compensation insurance while working on the site.

*Ivy Tech Community College Fort Wayne is committed to excellence in environmental stewardship and in sustainable building practices. We encourage artists whose work addresses issues of sustainability to consider applying for this site-specific artwork competition.*



## How to Apply

Artists interested in this project must prepare and submit the following:

- **Proposed Artwork Concept for Ivy Tech Fort Wayne.** This proposal shall include conceptual design drawings, and/or sketches sufficient to communicate the artist concept. It should include a budget and describe the specifications for the artwork related to materials, size, weight, installation requirements, and maintenance guidelines.
- **Letter of Interest**, no more than one page in length, which explains your interest in the competition. Please include your name, phone number, and email address.
- **Artist's Statement**, no more than 200 words in length, describing your work.
- **Current Resume**. If submitting as a team, an individual resume should be submitted for each team member.
- A list of at least **three professional references** familiar with your work and working methods. The list must include complete addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses.
- **Work samples** submitted electronically (Dropbox, Google Drive, or other type of electronic file transfer) via email. Artists applying as a team should submit work samples of each individual artist's work. All work samples must be submitted in either of the two following formats:
  1. A minimum of eight digital images. Ivy Tech will only accept JPEG file formats. All JPEGs must be sized at 250 dpi, 5"x7". You must number and title each JPEG and include a description sheet with corresponding numbers. The sheet should list your name and the titles, dates, media, and dimensions of your work.
  2. Video(s) should be via electronic link (YouTube, Vimeo, or other type of accessible video link). Video should be no more than fifteen minutes in length.

*Optional:* Each artist may include up to three selections of support materials such as reviews, news articles, web links and other related information.



**Materials must be received by Ivy Tech Community College Fort Wayne by 5:00 p.m. January 15, 2019. Postmarks and hand deliveries are NOT acceptable.**

**PLEASE EMAIL APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:**

**[fortwayne-50th@ivytech.edu](mailto:fortwayne-50th@ivytech.edu)**

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COMPETITION WILL NOT BE RETURNED.**

**Final Artist Selection:**

Ivy Tech Fort Wayne will review the submittals and select an artist(s) to create an original site-specific artwork. The selection process will be in accordance with Ivy Tech Community College policies and procedures.

The final commission of artwork for the site will be selected and notified by February 15, 2019. This site-specific art piece will be installed at Ivy Tech Community College Fort Wayne; planned for mid-August 2019.

**Criteria for Selection:**

- An initial proposal that reflects **Project Intent** as described in this document.
- A body of work reflecting artistic excellence.
- Experience working in public settings and public process
- Experience fabricating and installing permanent artwork suitable for the outdoor environment.
- References provided as part of this application, which will be contacted prior to final selection.

*Ivy Tech is committed to reflecting the diversity and cultural richness of the College in our selection process.*

**Additional Information:**

*The selected artist will receive a contract for the commission at a maximum amount of \$12,000, which must be sufficient for all elements of the project including fabrication, shipping, and installation. The commissioned artist(s) will work with Ivy Tech Fort Wayne's executive director of Facilities to ensure adherence to College policies and procedures. Ivy Tech Community College Fort Wayne is under no obligation to award a commission for artwork based on the conceptual design proposals submitted. Beyond formal notifications, Ivy Tech will not enter into any correspondence regarding their decision. Artwork must be original. Any evidence of using copyrighted or trademarked artwork will result in disqualification. By entering this Call for Artists, entrants give Ivy Tech Community College Fort Wayne permission to promote, share, or otherwise use their artwork, including but not limited to marketing via email, social media, web, and other print forms. All decisions of the selection committee will be final. Ivy Tech reserves the right to cancel or postpone this project for any reason at any time.*

**If you have any questions or need additional information, please email [fortwayne-50th@ivytech.edu](mailto:fortwayne-50th@ivytech.edu)**

**Appendix A: Corner of Coliseum and Anthony (Coliseum Campus parking area)**



**Appendix B: View of sidewalk from bridge looking toward Coliseum/Anthony**





**Appendix C: Closer view of sidewalk area from bridge leading to Coliseum/Anthony**





**Appendix D: View of sidewalk looking east toward Coliseum Campus and the bridge**





**Appendix E: Alternate view of sidewalk looking east toward Coliseum Campus and the bridge**

