



The Oak Park Arts District Art Banner Project Guidelines

The Oak Park Arts District
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The Mission: To further the public art initiative of an unique and vibrant arts-based business community while promoting the creative expression of Chicagoland artists and providing an enriching visual experience to residents and visitors of Oak Park.

Site: The art banners will be hung from the arms of light poles along both the north and south sides of Harrison Street between Austin and Ridgeland Avenues in the Oak Park Arts District. The banners are 6' x 2' with a vertical presentation and will be hung at roughly a second-story height. The banners will be installed by the Oak Park Arts District.

Application: Please complete the application and return it by the deadline listed below. A sketched rendering of the proposed banner must be submitted along with the completed application. Proposals for up to three original designs may be submitted in PDF form to Laurel Wolff at laurel@oakparkartsdistrict.com or mailed to OPADBA, PO Box 4441, Oak Park, IL 60304 or delivered to Bead in Hand, 145 Harrison Street, Oak Park, IL 60304. www.beadinhand.com. Email preferred.



Materials: Acrylic paint is the preferred medium for the project and should be of a quality to withstand all weather conditions for a period of many years. The artwork is to be applied to a double-sided, white vinyl banner.

Banners will be provided by the Oak Park Arts District and available for pick up at Bead in Hand during business hours. Obtaining all other materials and supplies necessary for the design and execution of the art banner is the responsibility of the selected artist. **Artist will be required to apply a UV protective sealant to the artwork when the piece is completed. The piece must be dry for 24 hours before delivery.**

Artistic Theme: The theme is open ended to encourage artistic interpretation and produce the widest diversity of ideas and visual impact possible. All artwork should be designed to run vertically. To learn more about the Oak Park Arts District visit www.oakparkartsdistrict.com.

Criteria for Artist Selection: Designs must be original with no advertisements, logos or website information on them. Artists may sign their work. Artists applying for the project must be 18 years of age or older. The selection panel will review all applications and renderings to determine finalists. Art will be reviewed for Artistic Merit, Appropriateness to Public Presentation and Originality. The banner is double-sided and selected artists may use one image on both sides or different images on each side. Images used must be part of the application proposal. The artwork becomes the property of the Village of Oak Park and may be used in marketing by the Oak Park Arts District.

Panel Meeting and Notification: Artists should make themselves available to discuss their concept prior to the final selection process if necessary. Artists will be notified of their selection by email or phone call.

Stipend: Each selected artist will receive a \$500 award upon completion and delivery of the project by the deadline listed below to Bead in Hand, 145 Harrison, Oak Park, IL 60304. 708.848.1761

Program Schedule:

February 26- Call for Artists begins

April 2- Deadline for Artist Submittals

April 6- Notification of Selection

May 15- Deadline for delivery of banner.

For questions or more information email Laurel Wolff at laurel@oakparkartsdistrict.com