

Open Call: NOTO Mural Billboard Project

Deadline to apply: June 15th

Call Summary

The NOTO Arts & Entertainment District is pleased to announce an open call for artists to create mural designs on the two existing billboards at the main entrances of the NOTO district, Topeka Blvd & Gordon, and Quincy & Laurent. The project, sponsored by Shawnee County Parks & Recreation and supported by Arts Connect, aims to celebrate the vibrant culture and community of North Topeka. Artists will receive a stipend of \$750 for selected images. Artists of all backgrounds and experience levels are encouraged to participate.

Project Description

NOTO seeks artwork designs from local artists and will select two digital images from artwork submitted, wrapping two existing NOTO billboards, 6ft x8ft long, at the main entrances of NOTO. Artwork should capture the energetic spirit of NOTO, appealing to both pedestrians and motorists, and enhance the North Topeka area for many years to come.

Project Goals:

- To enhance the existing billboards at the main entrances of the NOTO.
- Artists should design artwork that celebrates the vibrant culture and community of the North Topeka area.
- Artwork should be visually appealing to both pedestrians and motorists and not include any additional letters or numbers.
- Create visually appealing artwork that will continue to enhance and beautify the North Topeka area for years to come.
- Mural images must be original, one-of-a-kind, can include past work, can be high resolution image of a painting,
- Artists must submit images in high resolution form, images must be at least 300PPI

Project Schedule:

May 3, 2024: Call for Art Opens

May 30, 2023: Deadline for Questions

June 15, Call for Art Closes

Late June: Selection Panel Meetings Begin

July 1, 2024: Artists Announced

July 15, 2024: Billboards Wrapped

Aug 2, 2024: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Artists Scope of Work:

Once images are selected, artists are required to work in collaboration with the NOTO Arts & Entertainment District and Shawnee County Parks & Recreation. Artists should be prepared to submit additional images if necessary to ensure resolution quality meets the needs of the billboards. Artists should be able to present for media interviews and ribbon cuttings. Artists will receive a stipend of \$750 upon completion of billboards being successfully wrapped.

Process

This will be an open call. Artists can submit up to two separate images for consideration. The NOTO Arts & Entertainment District will forward all submissions to the NOTO Artist Committee who will then review art and identify two images that will wrap the existing billboards. Artwork must be approved by Shawnee County Parks & Recreation. Artists will be notified via email of acceptance.

Application

Email submissions to staci.ogle@notoartsdistrict.org

- Include Contact Information: Artists Name, address, phone number, email
- Attach up to two digital images of consideration for the project
 - Digital images must be JPEG files
 - Digital images must be at least 300PPI
 - Each JPEG image must be titled with the artist's name and image number.
 - Example: StaciOgle001, StaciOgle002

Questions can be submitted to staci.ogle@notoartsdistrict.org