



BELLS ACROSS PA
CALL FOR ARTISTS

WASHINGTON COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
& TOURISM PROMOTION AGENCY 

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PA

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ABOUT AMERICA 250PA

The Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (America250PA) was established by the legislature and Governor in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States, Pennsylvania's integral role in that event, and the impact of its people on the nation's past, present, and future.

ABOUT BELLS ACROSS PA

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Promotion Agency is now accepting design submissions from Washington County artists for the **Bells Across PA** art series to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the United States in 2026. The selected artist will execute their design on a three-foot tall fiberglass bell sculpture.

The bell, which is sponsored by the Washington County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Promotion Agency, will be adorned and transformed by a local artist as part of America250PA's efforts to celebrate the commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the United States. At least one bell will be placed in each of the 67 counties across Pennsylvania.

WHEN

All bells must be in place by December 31, 2025, and remain on display through December 31, 2026. Exterior bell placement timing will vary depending upon weather conditions. In Washington County, Round One of artists' submissions will be due by November 9, 2024. Round Two will conclude on December 9, 2024. The selected artist will then have until early spring of 2025 to complete their work on the bell.

WHERE

The bells will be displayed in various locations across Pennsylvania in each of its 67 counties. Public bell locations will be included on America250PA's 2026 Commemorative Map. In Washington County, the bell will be placed in the Washington County Historical Society's Research & Education Center in the city of Washington.

ARTISTS DEADLINES

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Promotion Agency is now accepting applications from artists who wish to have their designs considered for selection. In the first selection stage, artists are asked to upload prior examples of their work portfolio for consideration. From those submissions, up to five artists will be selected and compensated \$500 to submit a pencil drawn or digital rendering of their vision for the bell design. From these submissions, one artist will be selected for the exhibition and will be provided with a 3 foot by 3 foot, blank, ready-to-paint fiberglass bell and will be paid a \$1,250 honorarium.

ELIGIBILITY

Bells Across PA is open to all current or former **WASHINGTON COUNTY** residents and groups from the acclaimed to the amateur. Painters, sculptors, craftsmen, multi-media artists, and other wildly creative people are all encouraged to apply. The commissioned bell will receive one honorarium regardless of group size.

HOW TO ENTER

Artists may **ONLY** apply at WashCoPa250.com

There will be two rounds of applications: In the first round, artists must submit a digital portfolio with a minimum of two examples of their prior artwork to WashCoPa250.com by 11:45 p.m. on Saturday, November 9, 2024. Digital portfolios may be sent as a URL to a webpage with images of work, or in DOC, PDF, JPG, or PNG formats.

Up to five finalists will be selected from the first round and compensated \$500 to submit either a pencil or digital sketch of their vision for the bell design in round two. From round two, one artist will be selected to create the final Washington County bell design and will be paid a \$1,250 honorarium.

Artists may submit more than one design but must complete the Application and Copyright Assignment for each design.

TIMELINE

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Promotion Agency will review your application as soon as it is submitted to ensure that it complies with the guidelines. Final approval will be decided by America250PA's Arts and Culture subcommittee.

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Promotion Agency encourages artists to submit portfolios as soon as possible so that we can assemble a sizable and diverse portfolio of local artists.

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RIGHTS AND ENTITLEMENTS

By submitting your portfolio, you confirm that:

- You are the original creator of your design.
- You have not copied anyone else's original work
- Your work does not infringe on anyone else's intellectual property rights (for example, trademark, copyrights trade dress, design patent).
- To the extent anyone else has contributed to your work, you shall obtain a signed, written agreement from that person assigning all their rights in their contribution to you.

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Promotion Agency reserves the right to modify these guidelines or program at any time.