



Request for Qualifications: Tipton Teaching Artist in Residence

Application Deadline: April 18, 2025

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Tipton Public Arts Commission (TPAC) seeks a teaching artist or artist team of any creative art form (i.e., visual, music, dance, literary, film, theatre, etc.) to host several arts activities with the Tipton, Ind. community. The goal of the residency is to build new creative skills, encourage intergenerational experiences, and facilitate community reflection.

Compensation

The artist will be compensated \$8,000 for the activities listed herein. This fee is intended to be inclusive of the artists' professional services and covers all materials, equipment, travel costs, and any other expenses related to the activities.

Timeline and Location

All activities should be completed in-person during an approximately 60 day period in spring and/or summer 2025, although the timeline can be adjusted according to artist's availability.

The artist is welcome but not required to temporarily reside in Tipton during the residency period. The compensation intends to cover the artists' travel or lodging costs, but artists needing further accommodations or support are encouraged to reach out with questions or to discuss alternate options (i.e. a local host family, etc.)-- don't let this stop you from applying!

Activities

The residency has four main components. The artist and members of the Tipton Public Arts Commission will finalize details and dates together before the residency begins.

- **Artist visits.** Engage with local youth and/or senior adults 8-10 times. This may include youth club visits, senior community visits, workshops with local art/performing clubs or groups, or other special activities.
- **Community workshops.** Offer 8-10 workshops or events at the Tipton County Public Library.
- **Local gatherings.** Participate in 2-4 local gatherings, including one artist talk/presentation about themselves and their work.
- **Celebration event.** In collaboration with TPAC, encourage community reflection, document creative activities to be celebrated at a culminating community event. This may include a curated show of artist and community works, storytelling night, or other special activity.

Requirements

Strong candidates will have the following qualifications and characteristics:

- Be regionally and/or nationally recognized for exceptional artistic quality of any discipline, demonstrated by past work with notable organizations, venues, or collaborators.
- Be competent in teaching workshops for children and older adults, and able to provide an energetic and memorable arts experience.
- Be comfortable socializing and sharing about their creative practice with others.
- Be collaborative, responsive, and proactive to manage project details with TPAC.
- Be generally open to scheduling activities in Tipton during spring/summer 2025.

How to Apply:

Interested artists should send the following items to communications@tipton.in.gov by **April 18,**

- 2025:**
1. Artistic resume (relevant work, projects, education, skills, and experiences)
 2. Portfolio and/or 5-10 artistic work samples (files or links are acceptable)
 3. Photos or videos of past art workshops or community activities that you have led

Finalist candidates will be asked for a Zoom interview and contact information for one reference (past workshop partners/clients or community project collaborators preferred).

Selected artist(s) must clear a background check and will be asked to provide proof of general liability insurance. They may also be asked to complete a few hours of required volunteer training with partnering organizations.

Questions? Reach out Anna Tragesser at communications@tipton.in.gov.

About Tipton, Indiana

Tipton's 5,000-plus residents relish their hometown's close-knit, friendly atmosphere, as well as its proximity to the large, metropolitan areas of Indianapolis, 30 minutes to the south, and Kokomo, 20 minutes to the north.

Tipton is blessed with a 30-acre park, a variety of sports venues, including an 18-hole municipal golf course, a family-owned movie theater, a modern public library, a winning school system, festivals, a community theater, a safe and secure environment, a state-of-the-art IU Health-run hospital, human infrastructure that strengthens the city's quality of life, a bustling Main Street, a supportive business outlook, and much more.

Tipton has a rich agricultural history that still shapes many residents' lifestyles today. The city is surrounded by rolling fields of corn and soybeans and boasts spectacular sunsets and stary night skies. The region is known to have some of the most fertile soil in the world. It is located on the ancestral lands of the Kaskaskia, Myaamia and Kiikaapoi (Kickapoo) nations.

In 2024, Tipton City Council and Mayor Kegan Schmicker established the Tipton Public Arts Commission (TPAC). TPAC's goals are to develop a public art collection, facilitate intergenerational activities, support local creative energy, and generate local economic impact through the arts.