



Pelicans on Parade Submission Guidelines

Why a Pelican? In 2000, Acadiana Center for the Arts worked with artist David Fox and students at public elementary schools served by AcA's arts education programs to design the first "Pelicans on Parade." In 2021, AcA re-introduced the Pelicans on Parade as part of an annual fundraiser, the Pelican Ball, where new, unique pelicans are auctioned off as part of the benefit for arts education in Acadiana.

Artist Eligibility: Only artists living or working in the eight-parish Acadiana region are eligible, including Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Mary, St. Martin, and Vermilion parishes.

Two Kinds of Pelicans:

1. **Large Pelican:** The classic "Pelican on Parade" stands approximately 4 foot high pelican and is constructed of fiberglass. Selected artists decorate the pelican with paint or any creative method and seal the final piece with a weather-resistant clear-coat. One large pelican will be commissioned from valid submissions.
2. **Small Pelican:** A small pelican stands 12 inches tall and is bisque-fired slip cast ceramic. Selected artists decorate the pelican with paint and clear-coat OR glaze and fire the ceramic. Up to six small pelicans will be commissioned from valid submissions.

Selection Criteria: Proposed designs will be reviewed and selected by AcA based on (1) originality, (2) compliance with Design Criteria, (3) and local/regional cultural relevance.

How to Submit a Proposal: The submission deadline is Sunday, August 10, 2025. Submission will be collected only through the portal here:

acadianacenterforthearts.org/opportunities-for-artists/call-for-artists/#pelican

Included with the submission:

- Proposed designs must use one of the templates provided. (Templates are available for both the large and small pelicans).
- Artists may submit multiple proposed designs using the provided templates.

Schedule:

- **Sunday, August 10, 2025:** Artwork submission deadline at 11:59pm
- **Friday, August 22, 2025:** Artists will be notified if and when their designs are selected
- **Friday, August 29, 2025:** Deadline for selected artists to pick up blank pelican from AcA to begin decorating
- **Friday, October 24, 2025:** Deadline for artists to return completed pelican to AcA
- **Saturday, December 6, 2025:** Pelican Ball

Compensation: If selected for a Large Pelican the fee for this service is \$500, and if selected for a Small Pelican, the fee for this service is \$200. Payment is due to the artist from AcA on delivery of the finished piece. Artists whose designs are chosen will receive one complimentary ticket to the Pelican Ball on Saturday, December 6, 2025.



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Additional Pelicans: A large blank pelican (the “Ghost Pelican”) will be available during the live auction. The winning bidder may select the design from among the additional submissions and may include some specific requests or revisions to an artist’s proposal. AcA will contract the selected artist for the ghost pelican for a fee of \$500.

For questions and assistance, contact: Allison Doucet, AcA Development Manager,
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DESIGN CRITERIA

- Work will be public and therefore must be appropriate to be viewed by all ages.
- Designs can be representational or abstract.
- Artwork must be original.
- The template provided must be used to propose a design concept.
- Designs may not include a breach of intellectual property, trademarks, brands, or images of illegal activity.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

All artists submitting for the Pelican on Parade agree to the following:

- The work submitted by the artist is original, solely owned by the artist and reproduction will not violate the rights of any third party. Since the artistic designs leading up to and including the final design and dimension of the artwork are unique, the artist shall not make any additional, exact duplicate reproductions of the final design and dimension, nor shall the artist grant to a third party, the right to replicate the artistic designs and dimensions of the artwork, without written permission of AcA.
- The original design on the application should represent the final design on the pelican.
- All artists grant AcA permission to use the artwork submitted in this proposal for marketing and publicity purposes.
- Artists whose work is selected, grant AcA an irrevocable license to make reproductions of the artwork selected and the final designs to be used in brochures, media, publicity and catalogs, or other promotional items.
- Artists will complete the pelican with any final finishing (glaze or clear coat) and deliver to AcA by **Friday, October 24, 2025.**
- Artists whose proposals are selected will receive an artist fee, payable on delivery of the finalized product (\$500 for the Large Pelican, \$200 for the Small Pelican).