



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

Selection Criteria: A volunteer-led AcA Pelican Ball committee will review and select the proposed designs based on (1) originality and (2) compliance with the Design Criteria* (outlined on page 2).

How to Submit a Proposal: The submission deadline is Friday, July 10, 2026 at 11:59 PM. [Submissions will be collected only through this Pelican Ball portal.](#)

Included with the submission:

- Proposed designs must use one of the templates provided on the website or in the submission form. (Templates are available for both the large and small pelicans).
- Artists may submit up to 5 proposed designs using the provided templates.

Schedule:

- **Monday, June 1, 2026:** Pelicans on Parade submission portal opens at 8:00 AM
- **Friday, July 10, 2026:** Pelicans on Parade submission portal closes at 11:59 PM
- **Friday, July 24, 2026:** Artists will be notified if and when their designs are selected
- **Friday, July 31, 2026:** Last day for selected artists to pick up Pelican canvas from AcA
- **Wednesday, September 23, 2026:** Deadline for artists to return completed pelican to AcA
- **Saturday, November 7, 2026:** Pelican Ball at AcA

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Compensation: Selected artists will receive payment from AcA upon delivery of the finished piece, along with complimentary admission to the Pelican Ball on Saturday, November 7, 2026:

- Large Pelican: \$500 artist fee + 2 tickets to the Pelican Ball
- Small Pelican: \$200 artist fee + 1 ticket to the Pelican Ball

The "Ghost Pelican" Opportunity: During the live auction, a blank "Ghost Pelican" will be up for bid. If you opt-in on your submission form, your design will be added to the pool of eligible concepts for the winning bidder to review. The buyer may request minor revisions or specific additions to the original proposal.

- Compensation & Revisions: If selected, AcA provides a base artist fee of \$500. The buyer may request revisions; any extra labor or material costs beyond the artist fee baseline must be negotiated with and paid directly by the winning bidder.

For questions and assistance, contact: Allison Doucet, AcA Development Manager, Allison@acadianacenterforthearts.org, 337.233.7060

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 pelican templates 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 unless adjustments are requested by the Pelican Ball committee.
- 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 5:00 PM on September 23, 2026.**
- 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).