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Jeff Public Arts (JPA) is seeking visual artists to participate in a meaningful, community-centered art project in collaboration with students at the Clark County Juvenile Corrections Facility.

At Jeff Public Arts, we believe in the power of creativity to build connection, encourage reflection, and create space for voices to be seen and heard. This project is rooted in empathy, respect, and the belief that art can be a bridge—between people, experiences, and communities. We are deeply thankful to

the

artists who choose to share their time and talent in support of this meaningful collaboration.

WITH GRATITUDE

Jeff Public Arts

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Thirteen students currently housed at the juvenile corrections facility have created original poems reflecting their thoughts, experiences, and perspectives. Jeff Public Arts is inviting artists to create original visual artworks inspired by these poems.

For the safety and privacy of the students, all poems will be shared anonymously, and there will be no direct contact between artists and students.

This project centers on empathy, creative connection, and the power of art to amplify voices through creative expression.

ARTIST PARTICIPATION DETAILS

- Artists will be assigned one anonymous student poem as inspiration.
- Each selected artist will create one original visual artwork inspired by the poem.
- Medium is open to 2D visual arts (painting, drawing, mixed media, digital, collage, etc.).
- Final size and format will be coordinated with Jeff Public Arts.
- A print of the final artwork will be provided to the student to keep.

ARTWORK & OWNERSHIP OPTIONS

Artists may choose one of the following options for the original artwork:

- Donate the original artwork to Jeff Public Arts for potential exhibition and programming purposes, or
- Retain the original artwork for their personal collection.

PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Both the original student poems and the completed visual artworks will be presented together as a public exhibition at the NoCo Arts Center, with the potential for the exhibition to also be displayed at the Clark County Courthouse. Other locations are in the works.

The exhibition is tentatively planned for Summer–Fall 2026 and will be on view for a minimum of one month, allowing time for meaningful public and community viewing. Student anonymity will be fully maintained.

STIPEND

While we passionately believe that artists should be paid for their creative works and though we are working on a stipend for participating artists we cannot guaranteed at this time.

ELIGIBILITY

- Open to local and regional visual artists
- Artists of all experience levels are encouraged to apply
- Must be comfortable working from written material and honoring anonymity

PROPOSED SUBMISSION TIMELINE: Apply <https://form.jotform.com/260266118590154>

- Call Opens: February 10
- Deadline to Apply: May 1st
- Artist Notifications: May 15th, 2026
- Poems Shared: By May 15th
- Artwork Due: Aug 1st, 2026
- Prints Distributed to Students: late August
- Exhibition (Optional): Fall 2026

Timeline subject to change based on participation levels and funding availability.

