



CALLING LOCAL ARTISTS: MAKE HISTORY ON OUR WALLS

Introducing DC's First-Ever School-Based Gallery for Adult Learners

Submission Deadline: September 19, 2025

Are you a local, emerging artist looking for a bold new space to showcase your work? Do you believe art can transform lives, inspire growth, and elevate communities? If so, **this call is for you.**

We are thrilled to announce the **launch of a permanent, rotating art gallery inside the newest adult public charter school in Washington, DC**—a first-of-its-kind initiative where art lives, breathes, and sells in the same space where adult learners reclaim their education and transform their futures.

This is your opportunity to display your work on the walls of **Community College Preparatory Academy's new campus**, and to sell directly to art lovers, collectors, and community members—all while supporting adult education in your city.



WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

We're seeking **local, emerging, and seasoned artists** with powerful visual voices. We're not limiting you by type, medium, or scale—we want to see your **canvas, photography, mixed media, textile, digital art, sculpture (wall-mounted), and more**. The only boundaries are that your work must:

- Be **appropriate for a public-school setting** (PG-13)
- Speak to **themes of resilience, transformation, community, growth, justice, identity, and power**
- Be suitable for hanging/display in a high-traffic public space

We welcome submissions from all backgrounds, but priority will be given to artists who **live, work, or have roots in Wards 7 and 8**.

COMMISSION & FUNDRAISING STRUCTURE

Artists will receive **80% of your sale price** of any work sold directly from the gallery wall. The remaining **20% will go toward fundraising for the school's Student Success Fund**, which supports wraparound services and scholarships for adult learners. This gallery is not just a place to show your work—it's a way to **invest in lives, futures, and the power of second chances**.

TIMELINE

- **Artist Invitation:** August 15, 2025
 - **Submission Deadline:** September 19, 2025 (11:59 PM EST)
 - **Installation Week:** September 21-25, 2025
 - **Ribbon-Cutting & Gallery Launch Reception:** September 26, 2025 (Open to the public, collectors, press, and partners)
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HOW TO SUBMIT

To help us thoughtfully curate the gallery and ensure optimal visual impact across our new school campus, artists are invited to submit work in the following five size-based categories:

- **LARGE SCALE** submissions are coordinated collections or individual pieces designed to cover expansive wall areas—up to **20 feet in length and 6 feet in height**—ideal for main hallways or open communal spaces.
- **MEDIUM** submissions include either individual pieces or coordinated collections intended for spaces up to **10 feet long and 6 feet tall**.
- **SMALL** submissions are single works no larger than **4 feet wide by 5 feet tall**, perfect for more intimate wall moments throughout the school.
- The **DOORS** category invites creative pieces specifically designed to hang **above classroom doors**, sized at **3 feet wide by 12 inches tall**, bringing personality and inspiration into learning spaces.
- Finally, our **OCCUPATIONAL INSPIRATION** category is reserved for thematic works that showcase careers, trades, and professional pathways, to be displayed along a designated walls inside the classroom **15 feet long by 5 feet tall**—motivating our adult learners with visions of what's possible. Artists may submit in more than one category.
 - Information Technology (IT) & Data
 - Construction Trades
 - Healthcare
 - Administrative & Office Management
 - High School Equivalency (GED)

Email your submission to gallery@ccprepacademy.org with the subject line: "Artist Submission – [Your Full Name], [Category]"

Include the following:

- 3–5 images of samples your work (JPEG or PNG, max 5MB each)
- Title, medium, size, and sale price of each piece
- 1–2 paragraph artist statement
- Short bio (including your connection to DC, if applicable)
- Instagram or website (if available)

Note: Work must be ready to hang (wired, framed, or otherwise professionally prepared). Artists are responsible for delivering and picking up their work unless other arrangements are made.

QUESTIONS?

Email gallery@ccprepacademy.org with any questions or accessibility needs related to your submission.

WHY THIS MATTERS

This gallery is more than wall space—it's a canvas of possibility. It's where bold expression meets educational transformation. It's where the community sees itself reflected in the art and in the journey of every student walking these halls.

Join us. Show your work. Make history.
