



Community Artist Application

Porch Light and the Kensington Hub

Porch Light is a partnership between Mural Arts Philadelphia and the Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services. At our storefront at 2774 Kensington Avenue, Porch Light is working with the New Kensington Community Development Corporation, Prevention Point, and Impact Services to make a community space where neighbors can create art and connect with resources to live a better, healthier life.

Porch Light Community Artists will offer visitors a free program or programs where they will be able to reflect on their experiences, build relationships with their neighbors, and learn how to make art. We are especially interested in public engagement that uses art to help participants cope with and recover from trauma. Out of this public engagement, Community Artists will create a work of public art in Kensington based on their community engagement, with the aim of improving and beautifying the neighborhood.

Teaching Artist Responsibilities

- With support from storefront and Porch Light staff, Community Artists will:
 - Engage the community in ways that encourage individual creativity, improve health and wellness, and create community connection.
 - Produce a local work of public art out of this community engagement.

Application Requirements

A complete application should include:

- Application form (see next page)
- Typed responses to application questions (see next page)
- 5-10 images or examples of your artwork
- Current resume or bio

Applications will be accepted until March 1, 2019.

Please email your application to pamela.draper@muralarts.org with the subject "Kensington Teaching Artist." Or mail to:

Mural Arts Philadelphia
c/o Pamela Draper
1727-29 Mt. Vernon Street
Philadelphia, PA 19130

*If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Lewis-Turner at jessica.lewis-turner@muralarts.org
For more information about the Porch Light Program, go to www.muralarts.org/porchlight*



Application Form

Name:

Address:

Phone Number: ()

Email (optional):

Website (optional):

Please type your responses and attach to the application. Each response should be a maximum of one to two paragraphs long.

1. What is your experience or history with the Kensington area?

Describe your relationship with the Kensington area and with Philadelphia in general. Artists who have knowledge about and experience in the Kensington area are preferred.

2. Describe your community engagement plan and budget.

Indicate what kind of program or event you will offer, and what participants will do. The goal should be to engage and excite the community about your project. Include a short itemized budget, including supplies and your artist fee, with a **maximum of \$2000** for both your engagement and public art production.

3. Describe what public art you would like to produce from your community engagement.

Briefly describe the project. Include how it will be developed out of your community engagement, where it will be located, and the effect that you see it creating on the Kensington community.

4. Do you have any experience addressing behavioral or mental health challenges through art?

We do not expect you to be a trained professional, but it would be helpful to learn more about any experience you may have related to mental or behavioral health. This can include personal or family experiences that relate to your public engagement and project goals.