



**Port Townsend Art Commission
2026 Art Awards Design and Fabrication
Request for Qualifications**

Project Overview

The Port Townsend Arts Commission announces an open call for artists interested in designing and fabricating small sculptural works that will be awarded as trophies to the winners of the 2026 Port Townsend Art Awards. Three-dimension work in any medium—metal, work, ceramic, glass, textile, paper, assemblage, or other materials—will be considered.

This project is designed to highlight local artists through original artwork that represents the art community's deep and enduring practice of producing meaningful visual culture. We request that AI not be used for work made in response to this CFA.

Project Logistics

- The artist/artist team will create six (6) original three-dimensional pieces which will be presented to the winners of the Port Townsend Art Awards. Three to six artists will be chosen to receive awards. The City of Port Townsend will keep any sculptures created but not awarded
- The base of the work should be approximately 5 inches by 5 inches, and it should stand approximately 8 inches tall (these are loose guidelines to align with previous artist-created trophies)
- Regardless of the material used, the pieces should be durable and display-ready
- The pieces should include a gold or metallic element/feature
- Each sculpture should be roughly commensurate in size and intricacy and work as a stand-alone piece of art (all six can be identical if desired)
- Pieces must be completed and delivered by December 1, 2026
- Payment will be made after the work is delivered
- The artist/artist team commission is \$1,500

The City of Port Townsend will announce the project and feature the chosen artist/artist team in promotions related to the Art Awards, which will be held on March 5, 2027.

Project goals

- Adds to a collection of unique, artist-created trophy-sculptures created for the Port Townsend Art Awards
- Honors the artist-winners for their achievements
- Demonstrates the skill and talent of our artistic community

Who may apply?

- Artists living and working in Port Townsend or East Jefferson County

What is the application process?

- Include 4-6 work samples or a link to an online portfolio/website
- Provide a short description of your design idea, inspiration, or point-of-view

What happens after I apply?

Qualifications will be reviewed by the Art Awards workgroup, which is made up of members of the Port Townsend Arts Commission. The submission that aligns best with the project goals will be chosen for the project and the artist will be contacted by August 10.

Schedule

RFQ Deadline: July 31

Decision and notification: August 10

Work-in-progress review date: September 30 (or earlier if desired by the artist/s)

Final work due: December 1

Example Gallery
2025 Award Designs by Tori Power



Ready to apply?

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