



CALL FOR ARTISTS

AKRON-CANTON AIRPORT PUBLIC ART

Project Overview

The Akron-Canton Airport, in partnership with the MAPS Air Museum, is seeking two talented visual artists—one from Stark County and one from Summit County—to transform vintage airplane parts into vibrant public artworks for display within the airport terminal. This initiative is designed to celebrate regional creativity, elevate the travel experience, and highlight the unique spirit of Northeast Ohio.

This year's theme is: "Art Takes to the Air"

Artists are invited to interpret this concept in imaginative, inspiring ways—connecting flight, movement, and creativity through visual storytelling.

Selected artists will each design and paint a 4' x 3' aluminum aircraft panel—a double-sided structure made from a decommissioned airplane. These custom forms are unprimed, and artists will be responsible for painting directly onto the surface and applying a protective sealant upon completion.

Timeline

- **Application Deadline:** Thursday, June 6, 2025 at 11:59 PM
- **Artists Notified:** By Friday, June 13, 2025
- **Design Renderings Due:** Early July (Date confirmed upon selection)
- **Installation Complete By:** Friday, August 8, 2025

Eligibility

- Applicants must be **18 years or older** and **reside in either Stark or Summit County**.
- Visual artists working in **acrylic paint** are encouraged to apply.
- Individuals and artist teams are eligible, though stipends and supply budgets are **per wing**, not per person.
- Prior experience painting on nontraditional or dimensional surfaces is a plus.

Selection Process

A committee of community and arts partners will review all submissions based on artistic quality, originality, and relevance to the theme.

Two artists will be selected—**one from each county**—and will receive:

- A **\$250 design honorarium** to create a final rendering of their concept.
- A **\$250 supply budget**.
- A **\$1,200 stipend** upon successful completion of the painting.

Artists will apply their artwork directly onto the aluminum structure using their own supplies. A final **protective sealant (water-based polyurethane)** is required.

Artist Compensation

- \$250 Honorarium for final design/rendering
- \$250 Budget for supplies
- \$1,200 Stipend upon completion

Application Requirements

Applications must be submitted via email to dregula@akroncantonairport.com by the deadline. Artists will be asked to upload the following:

- **Full Contact Information**
- **County of Residence** (Stark or Summit)
- **Artist Bio/Statement**
- **Headshot** (for promotional use)
- **5–10 samples of past work** (JPG or PNG format preferred)

Dropbox or similar platform encouraged for larger files.

If you have difficulty submitting, please contact:

 **David Regula** at dregula@akroncantonairport.com

Note: No applications will be accepted after 11:59 PM on June 6, 2025.

