

Friends of the Lexington Senior Centers

## **Call for Artists**

Request for Qualifications the Friends of the Lexington Senior Centers offers this Request for Qualifications for artists residing in Lexington or Central Kentucky.

Application Deadline: April 30, 2026

Artist Opportunity Type: Commission for work of art to recognize donors to be installed

Eligibility: We would like this work done by local artists with expertise in making a free-standing piece of art and/or memorial donor recognition art. Special consideration will be given to artists over 60 years old.

Media: We are open to any medium that can withstand weather because this piece will be installed outdoors in front of the Lexington Senior Center on Life Lane in Lexington.

Budget: Not yet determined

Location for Artwork: The piece will be installed in Idle Hour Park on the parcel of land occupied by the Lexington Senior Center, located at 195 Life Lane, Lexington KY 40502. The proposed location will be near the East corner of the building property in a grassy lawn. The art piece needs to be on a concrete pad (or some other type of base) so that the mowing crew doesn't damage it. This area is in front of the building to the right of the main entrance. This area is in front of the building to the right of the main entrance. The area for the art piece is a lawn surrounded by a "path" of white rocks.

Size: We are flexible on the size but want the base to accommodate possible additional weight from future additions (possibly a modular system to allow addition of new donors in the future). We are flexible as to size. It is important that the piece be visually impactful and to make a strong statement. The donor art piece is being commissioned to honor our community, tell our story, and move people toward generosity.

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Request for Qualifications: The Friends of the Lexington Senior Centers is seeking a local artist to create a work of art that recognizes donors to our non-profit organization. The design must accommodate the need to add donors in the future to the piece. We want the art piece to reflect our quilt theme. (Images upon request.) We use a stylized quilt square as our logo to represent that many people of different backgrounds come together to participate and benefit from the services the Senior Centers offer. We aim to foster a lively community for seniors to connect and form meaningful friendships. To learn more about our organization visit <https://lexseniorcentersfriends.org/>

The artist must submit images of previous relevant work for this installation. Letters of Interest will be reviewed by a subcommittee of our Board. Our intention is to narrow our choice to a few artists then request a more detailed proposal from those that are selected based on the Letters of Qualifications.

Project Completion: We would like this piece completed and installed during Fall 2026 (No later than the end of November 2026).

Additional Information: The final detailed proposed project will be presented to the Lexington-Fayette Public Arts Commission. The Lexington Senior Center is owned by Lexington – Fayette County and this public art piece must comply with the Arts Commission Public Art Master Plan. <https://policycommons.net/artifacts/3513408/public-art-master-plan/4314078/>

### Artist Application

Artist(s) Name(s):

Address:

City:

ZIP:

Phone:

Website (if applicable):

Studio location (if other than home);

Please provide a brief description of current/recent artistic practice (description of artwork, exhibitions, commissions, teaching, etc.)

Please provide a brief description of the type of work you might create for this commission. Please include types of materials to be used, the basic form or structure, thematic ideas, and intended display or installation method (we want a free-standing piece that is not attached to the wall of the building).

Please submit your resume / vita. (No more than 2 pages.)

Please submit a minimum of three and no more than six images of artwork relevant to this commission. Provide a brief description of the work (medium, size, relevance to the proposed work, etc.)

Description #1:

Description #2:

Description #3:

Description #4:

Description #5:

Description #6: