

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

SCULPTURE CONTEST

Interacting with Arts: Animals and Nature



The Bears Are Coming 2025

The Arts Center of Cannon County (ACCC), in association with Chinkapin Craftstead (Chinkapin) and the Tennessee Arts Commission (TAC), announces a Call for Submissions for a public art installation.

MISSION AND BACKGROUND

"Interacting with Art: Animals & Nature" aims to connect the natural world with art through the creation of a new work inspired by and/or depicting regional animals/plants/fungi/geology. The project hopes to engage both children and adults by creating a playful work that invites direct interaction that activates its location.

This is the fourth in a five-year plan envisioned and coordinated by ACCC to install one new sculpture per year in a rural environment. Chinkapin's funding towards this current project is part of its commitment to support the creation of new artwork and bring more art into a rural community. TAC funding is from their Creative Placemaking grant program whose intention is "to help communities enhance the distinctive local character of Tennessee places for positive economic and community outcomes."



Trillium 2024

SUBMISSION INFORMATION:

- The Project award is \$12,000 and includes artist's fees, materials, fabrication costs, labor and installation.
- Eligible applicants are artists currently living and working in Tennessee.
- Applicants should submit scaled drawings and/or maquettes of the proposed art piece including a description of materials to be used. A resume or bio, artist statement, photos, and examples of previous work and experience are encouraged.
- Submissions and questions should be directed to artscenter@artscenterofcc.com, phone: 615-563-2787

TIMELINE:

- **Submissions due by Wednesday, November 26, 2025**
- **Follow up questions/zoom with applicants on or before Friday, December 12, 2025**
- **Final review and award decision by Tuesday, December 30, 2025**
- **Project completion date: Monday, June 1, 2026**