



## Criteria

Calumet College of St. Joseph is seeking proposals from experienced artists for the design and execution of an outdoor piece of public art that inspires visitors to reflect on the natural beauty of the Calumet Region. Winning submissions will inspire a sense of awe and, preferably, demonstrate a sense of the passing of time.

Submissions must:

- 1) Require little to no ongoing maintenance
- 2) Create a distinctive sense of 'pride in place'
- 3) Be visible at a distance

Submissions that have mobile, whimsical, tactile and/or manipulable elements would be especially considered, though these features are not required.

The winning submission must be in good taste and must not contradict the mission or vision of Calumet College of St. Joseph, stated below.

## Background

Calumet College of St. Joseph has recently been awarded a grant from the Lilly Endowment that is designed to foster greater collaboration between the College and the surrounding Whiting/Robertsedale community. The winning submission will be located in a fully funded, though yet-to-be developed public park at 2512 New York Avenue (see attached design drawing). The area designated for the location of the winning submission is approximately 60' x 25' and will sit on a 3' tall landscaped berm. The tallest point on the submission should be no more than 25' from base to peak.

The total cost of the winning submission will range from \$50,000 to \$100,000, which is all-inclusive of artist's fees, as well as material and installation costs.

## Prior to Submission

Artists are invited to attend a **Q&A session** with the CCSJ Community Advisory Council on **October 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm** at Calumet College of St. Joseph, 2400 New York Avenue, Whiting IN. Any artist who wishes to attend this session **must RSVP to [mpuente1@ccsj.edu](mailto:mpuente1@ccsj.edu) prior to October 27<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.**

Artists may also submit **questions in writing prior to 4pm on October 29th.** Please submit questions to [blowry@ccsj.edu](mailto:blowry@ccsj.edu).

Any artist who would like a list of all questions and answers may request them from Brian Lowry, [blowry@ccsj.edu](mailto:blowry@ccsj.edu).

## Submissions

Final submissions are due by **5pm on December 18, 2025**. They may be mailed or physically delivered to:

Brian Lowry, Director of Grants  
Calumet College of St. Joseph  
2400 New York Avenue, Whiting IN 46394

Submissions may also be delivered electronically to [blowry@ccsj.edu](mailto:blowry@ccsj.edu). Please ensure file sizes do not exceed 20MB.

Submissions will not be returned.

Responding artists must submit:

- 1) A resume/CV
- 2) Examples of prior work
- 3) A written narrative describing their vision for their proposal
- 4) Renderings of their proposal, including dimensions and materials
- 5) A clearly articulated budget
- 6) A plan for execution and installation

## Selection

The CCSJ Community Advisory Council will meet in January 2026 to review all submissions. Those determined to meet the criteria will be passed along to a Selection Committee consisting of representatives from the Community Advisory Council and Calumet College of St. Joseph. These judges or their representative may request additional information or modifications in an iterative process to identify a winning submission.

A winning submission will be announced in the first quarter of 2026, with installation expected to occur later in the year. We reserve the right to reject any or all submissions.

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### **CCSJ Mission**

Calumet College of St. Joseph is a Catholic institution of higher learning informed by the values of its founding religious community, the Missionaries of the Precious Blood (C.P.P.S.). The mission of the College is to cultivate the academic, spiritual, and ethical development of our students by affirming the inherent dignity of all people, promoting social justice and an ethic of service, and providing opportunity and empowerment.

### **CCSJ Vision**

At Calumet College of St. Joseph, our vision is to be a vital and valued resource for the region and beyond where students can be known, be successful, and belong.

**Be Known. Be Successful. Belong.**