



# JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION COLOR THE COUNTY MURAL PROGRAM

## 2026 Mural Call for Entries

The Johnson County Community Foundation's (JCCF) Color the County Mural Program improves the cultural fabric of our community through public art.

This year the JCCF is adding a mural in Trafalgar. We will celebrate the work of art with a summer Community Painting Day where residents of all ages will help us bring the mural to life. *(Painting supplies and refreshments provided.)*

**MURALS CONTACT:** Joe Morris at [joem@jccf.org](mailto:joem@jccf.org) or 317.738.2213

### CALL FOR ENTRIES

We are looking for local artists, emerging artists, art students and creative community members interested in submitting mural designs for this year's competition. No previous experience is necessary!

- ▶ The JCCF is seeking **one mural design and will award \$2000** for the winning design, along with mural materials and the instruction needed to prepare for an outdoor mural installation.
- ▶ Selected winner will be responsible for coordinating efforts with the Foundation to complete the community mural in **summer of 2026**, including, but not limited to, mural prep work leading to the community painting day then mural touch-ups and completion afterwards.

### DESIGN CRITERIA

- ▶ **Design Content:** Successful designs are bright, colorful and appealing to both pedestrians and viewers in vehicles. To be classified as artwork and to avoid inadvertently violating signage ordinances, design should not include logos, phrases or branding for any business, product, good, activity, service or private interest. Since location is public and visible to viewers of all ages, ethnicities and cultural backgrounds, designs must not include nudity, suggestive poses, hate speech or imagery that any group might find obscene, offensive or morally shocking. Political, religious or memorial artwork is also unacceptable.
- ▶ **Design Application:** Selected design will be applied using exterior paint and a clear-coat graffiti block directly on the location surface. The application method of the design is not limited.
- ▶ **Design Format:** You may submit your concept as a hand-drawn design or digital file (.jpg or .pdf). Submission must show the art by itself and as a mockup on the building.

### SUBMISSION DETAILS

- ▶ **Deadline:** No later than **4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2026**
- ▶ **Entry Fee:** No entry fee is required. If you wish to make a donation to the JCCF's Color the County Fund, we appreciate all contributions.
- ▶ **Entrant Information:** Each entry must be accompanied by an entry form located on the next page of this document
- ▶ **Submission Location:** You may hand deliver, mail, or email your submission(s).
  - ← Hard copies must be hand delivered or mailed to:  
*Attention: Mural Design  
Johnson County Community Foundation  
398 South Main St.  
Franklin, IN 46131*
  - ← Digital copies must be sent to Joe Morris: [joem@jccf.org](mailto:joem@jccf.org)

### DESIGN SELECTION

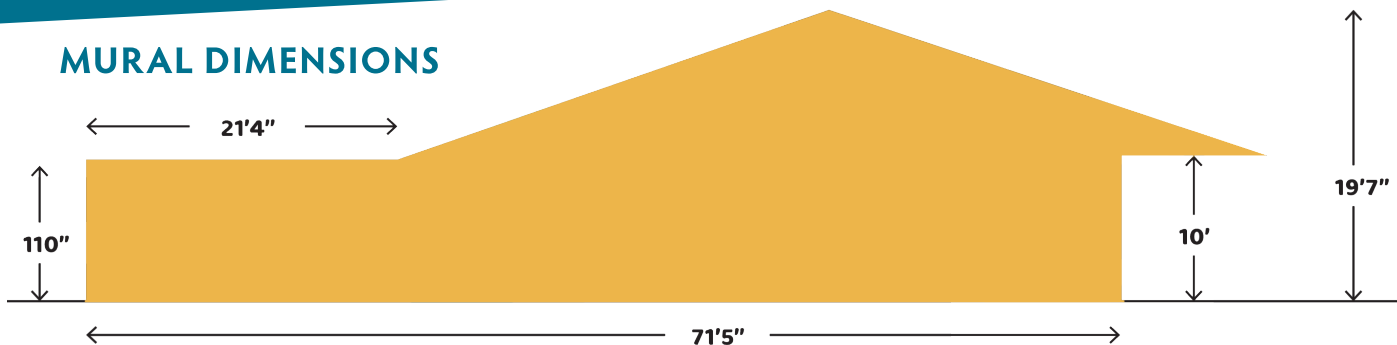
The judging panel is composed of volunteer community members and JCCF partners. Panelists will review the entries and select the finalists based on the following considerations:

- ▶ Artistic quality and strength of concept
- ▶ Contemporary relevance and appropriateness for our time
- ▶ Architectural, geographical, socio-cultural and historical context
- ▶ Originality and uniqueness
- ▶ Suitability to the surrounding neighborhood

### 2026 MURAL LOCATION (measurements below ▼)

- ▶ Hadwell Hardware – 203 IN-135, Trafalgar, IN 46181

### MURAL DIMENSIONS





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## Mural Program Design Contest

### ENTRY FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*If student, fill out school name and year\*\**

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year In School: \_\_\_\_\_

**In the space provided below, please explain the reasoning behind your art.**

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Send in your entry form and design to the Johnson County Community Foundation no later than **Monday, June 8, 2026 by 4:00 p.m.**

*By submission of this design, the artist/aspiring artist releases all rights of the artwork to the Johnson County Community Foundation to be used for any purposes it deems fit.*

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