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Dear Aspiring Artist,

On behalf of the Carolina Beach Mural Project Board of Directors, I am excited to share this opportunity, open to all New Hanover County Artists ages 16 to 25, interning under a renowned muralist and teacher to install a mural at the Katie B Hines Center in Carolina Beach. There are 2 internship positions available for eligible candidates, with work beginning October 15, 2025 through April 2026. The \$1000 internships are sponsored by a grant powered by The Endowment and will be paid in increments throughout the process.

This mentorship will also encompass critical skills such as creating a budget, submitting a Request for Proposal (RFP) to future clients, managing time effectively, collaborating with clients, and creating a reputable portfolio that opens doors to new job opportunities. We will also offer a segment on financials (determining supply costs, other costs), and a segment on marketing skills in order to provide tools to make your art a sustainable business. You will leave the internship with skills that could set you up for a successful career in Mural making.

Projected TIMELINE Mural 21:

October 15, 2025 Deadline for Intern Submissions

Oct 20- Nov 1, 2025 Interviews with CB Mural Board Members

November 15, 2025 Winning Interns Announced

November- March Bi-Weekly 1 hour Mentoring and working on Mural Concept, Pitch, and final installation, concluding with an Artist reception and meet & greet.

March 16, 2026 Mural Installation Begins*

*Dates contingent on weather and Artist availability. The mural must be completed by March 30, 2026.

THEME

This mural will celebrate **The Tree of Life**, featuring indigenous birds of Carolina Beach. We will collaborate with the North Carolina Wildlife Federation to ensure this mural is accurate and educational. Artist should use this link as an initial reference for native birds https://ebird.org/hotspot/L243650/bird-list

The Tree of Life themes include enlightenment, wisdom, resilience, longevity, spiritual growth, and connectivity. Established in 1986, the Center serves as a sanctuary for Seniors -providing 375 meals weekly, art and exercise classes and a place to connect. It serves a Monthly Pancake Breakfast, feeding over 150 families and it is a Space for Everyone.

SITE LOCATION

The location for mural #21 is the front, south-facing wall and half of the east-facing wall at the Katie B Hines Center on 308 Cape Fear Blvd.

SELECTION PROCESS

The Carolina Beach Mural Project firmly believes that the next step in our mission is to cultivate local and less experienced Artists who have yet to receive opportunities to paint on a large canvas. Our goal is to reach out to local young adults who aspire to make a career in Mural Art. By doing so,

we aim to discover and nurture raw talent that has not had the chance to shine brightly.

We pride ourselves in supporting North Carolina Artists. The Artist selection process has been completed and our Artist has been named. The Interns will be working with Susan Nuttall on developing a mural concept to satisfy the Carolina Beach Mural Project Board Members.

In your application, please include

- 1) Your Name & Contact information
- 2) Mailing Address
- 3) Age and name of High School, College or current place of Work
- 4) Photos of previous work
- 5) Contact information
- 6) 150-300 words on why you would like to be considered for this internship program and what you hope to learn.
- 7) A letter of recommendation from an Art teacher or mentor
- 8) An example of working on a project from start to finish. What did you learn about yourself when you finished the project?
- 9) What is your favorite mural (can be located anywhere) and why?
- 10) Will you be able to commit up to 2 hours of mentoring every other week (times to be agreed upon with your mentor or instructor) from November- April.

Email your completed application to info@carolinabeachmurals.org with INTERN in subject.

All completed applications will be presented to the CBMP Board of Directors for their consideration in a review. The Board will be voting on how well the application is completed.

We are available to meet in person, Zoom or by telephone to discuss the opportunity in more detail, and to answer any questions you may have.

The Carolina Beach Mural Project (CBMP), a recognized 501c3 non-profit organization, is dedicated to celebrating and preserving the history and culture of Carolina Beach through murals. The Public Art commissioned by the Carolina Beach Mural Project will be scattered throughout the commercial and boardwalk districts, creating a cultural destination for Carolina Beach residents and visitors to the island. For more information about CBMP, visit https://carolinabeachmurals.org/

Respectfully,

Maureen Lewis

Founder/ President

Carolina Beach Mural Project

