

UNION CITY, INDIANA

Artist Alliance Support & Apartments

ARTIST RESIDENCY PROGRAM

QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants are invited to apply for the Artist Residency Program if you meet the following requirements:

- You recently graduated from any arts, music, architecture, graphic design, community development, videography, marketing, or other art-focused program
- You are currently pursuing a degree in any of the above listed programs
- You are seeking an opportunity to establish or expand your artistic career

HOW IT WORKS

There are four Artist Residency Program positions available each year for artists. Recipients will receive a cost-free apartment and stipend but the recipient must designate a minimum of 20 hours per week to the development of an art project that benefits the community as well as helping the city with various tasks in various departments and working at the Art Hub.

REQUIREMENTS

Students – applicants must have maintained passing or above grades in undergraduate or graduate coursework.

Professional – applicants must present evidence of work and recognition in his/her field of the Arts.

Applicants must arrange a preliminary visit to Union City before grant submission to meet with the Mayor and the ambassador.

HOW TO APPLY

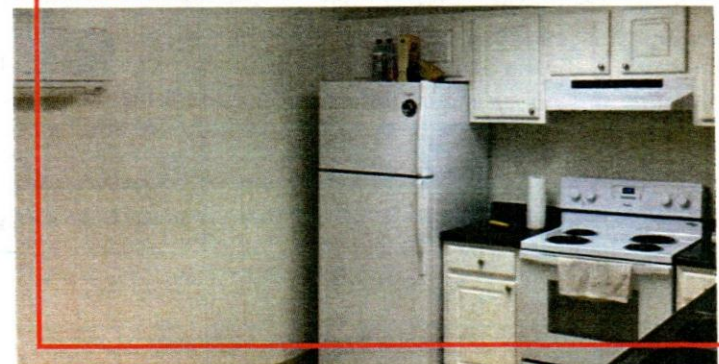
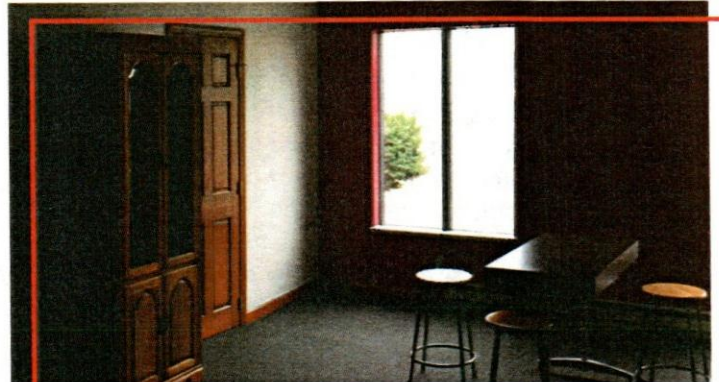
Fill out the application, submit letters of recommendation, and submit a portfolio or work samples. Provide a detailed description of your expertise with a focus on how that work can contribute to the mission of creating a revitalized Union City community and the development of our Artisan Community.

APARTMENT DETAILS

One-year program/residency/lease

Short-term residency available for visiting artists upon request, availability, special circumstances, wait list, and schedule

All four units are fully furnished and large enough for in-room workspace. Each share a communal kitchen space and laundry facility. Communal artist studio space is under development in nearby building.



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HISTORY OF THE ARTS IN UNION CITY

Located in the heart of Union City, this artist residency program is an innovative approach to support the creative community. Our mission is to bring artists to the greater Union City IN-OH community specifically to design, implement, and complete projects during a one-year residency. The residency artist will contribute their time to a project that will benefit Union City and its mission to encourage the arts. The Artisan Lofts are located on the second floor of the council chamber building at 105 North Columbia Street. This location provides easy access to downtown Union City, City Hall, Art Association of Randolph County (Arts Depot 115 North Howard Street) Art Hub (215 North Columbia Street), and communal artist studio.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Although this program is directed to support artists, Union City will reap many benefits as well. Artist residency programs have been known to spur economic development in creative industries and increase attractiveness of the area to tourists, businesses, and residents. By creating and displaying public art, Union City will enhance the community identity as an artist community and sense of pride. The artists benefit from the residency program too. The Union City Artist Residency Program provides artists time and space to develop their skills, an opportunity to further their career, and connection to a new market and other artists. This partnership is a great opportunity for artists and the community.

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Art in Union City started to take off in the 1970s. The City was awarded a grant that allowed Randolph Eastern Schools an opportunity to bring artists into the schools and community. This sparked interest in the idea of a comprehensive art program where students could participate in activities and workshops. The program lasted into the late 1990s and ended when classes did not allow time for the release of students to attend the program. In the 1980s, the Art Association of Randolph County acquired the railroad depot that provided space for quality programs and performances, now called the Arts Depot. Throughout the years, Union City has received grants from the Indiana Arts Commission to support and expand the interest for the city to become a destination for the arts.

ART TODAY

Since 2015, the Art Hub has been providing artists a venue to sell their products and space to offer classes. Nearly 30 artists, from Union City and Randolph County; nearby Greenville, Ohio; Muncie, Indiana; and as far as Indianapolis and Chicago, Illinois. Each artist brings something different to the community. Just a few of the talents include sculpture, furniture design and construction, pottery, painting, jewelry making, graphics, and photography. Today, there are over 15 categories of art to experience through the various venues in Union City and the community is optimistic that this number will continue to grow with the success of the programs offered and supported by the Union City Artist Alliance.

