2026 ARTIST RESIDENCY AT OXLEY NATURE CENTER

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Thank you for your interest in the Oxley Nature Center Artist Residency. This program was created in 2023 with the dual goals of attracting more visitors to Oxley and supporting local artists by leveraging the existing connection between nature and creative expression.

Below is some general information; Applications will be accepted from November 26 until January 9. The residency will run from mid-March until mid-October 2026.

WHAT OXLEY PROVIDES

1. STUDIO SPACE: Along with full access to Oxley's trail system, library, and artifact collection, this residency offers a dedicated interior studio space inside the Interpretive Center. The space is about 10'x12' and we will work with the Artist on *accommodating the space (tables, chairs, etc.) to meet their needs.
2. STIPEND: The Oxley Nature Center Association provides a $3000 stipend paid in two installments over the course of the residency. Artist materials and supplies for workshops are covered for up to a $500 value.
3. PROMOTION: Oxley will work with the artist and through City of Tulsa Communications to promote the workshops and any residency-related events.

WHAT THE ARTIST PROVIDES

1. STUDIO TIME: The resident artist is expected to spend 8 hours / week onsite in an open studio setting, developing their work and engaging with Oxley visitors as needed.
2. VISITOR ENGAGEMENT: The artist is encouraged to create passive interactive opportunities for the public to engage with when the artist is not onsite. Examples of this include creating coloring sheets, writing prompts, or a community sketchbook to be made available in a public space.
3. MONTHLY WORKSHOPS: One Saturday workshop per month will be taught by the resident artist. Oxley will work with the artist on the details of each workshop and will supply materials for workshop participants.

Oxley will collaborate with the artist to host a public showcase sometime around the end of the residency. For example, this could be an evening event displaying the work created over the course of the residency. Details will be agreed on by Oxley and the Artist.

*Artists working in all mediums are encouraged to apply, but please keep in mind the limitations of the studio space. Large-scale sculptural projects and ceramics that require firing, for example, may not be a great fit.

Questions or concerns can be emailed to oxley@cityoftulsa.org or call 918-596-9054