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## Alaska Railroad solicits 2026 official art print

*Entry deadline is April 4, 2025*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad (ARRC) is seeking entries for its annual commemorative artwork program by **Friday, April 4, 2025**. ARRC commissions the selected artist to create artwork as the basis for ARRC’s official 2026 commemorative print. Established in 1979, the program helps participating artists gain exposure with a connection to a beloved icon of Alaska.

Artist submissions must include an Alaska Railroad theme depicting an ARRC train along one of its iconic routes. Once a winning entry is selected, ARRC will commission the artist to create a final version serving as the basis for the railroad’s official 2026 commemorative print, poster and gift shop merchandise. ARRC retains all rights to the artwork from which ARRC will produce at least 250 signed and numbered prints, several thousand posters, several thousand lapel pins and other merchandise.

The railroad pays the artist \$5,000 and provides 10 artist proofs and 20 posters. The artist agrees to participate in print/poster sale-and-signing events in Anchorage and in Fairbanks. Signing events may also occur in an additional community, depending on the subject of the artwork. The Alaska Railroad pays for the artist’s travel expenses. The Alaska Railroad’s art program’s history and print catalog, including images and descriptions of prior year winning entries is available at <https://www.alaskarailroad.com/corporate/community>.

### How to Enter

**Application:** Artists must complete the [ARRC Annual Art Print Contest Artist Application](#).

**Attachments:**

- **Your idea(s)** - artists should submit a sketch no larger than 11 x 17 inches. *This is mandatory.*
- **Your style** - to provide some style context, artists are encouraged to include a few examples of their finished artwork.
- **Your art-related background** - provide some information about your art experience, education and achievements (you may opt to include your CV or resume).
- **Mail or hand-deliver submissions to:**
  - Mailing address: Attn: Corporate Affairs, Alaska Railroad, P.O. Box 107500, Anchorage, AK 99510-7500

- Hand Delivery:  
ARRC Headquarters, 327 W. Ship Creek Avenue in Anchorage (call 907-265-2671 in advance to arrange a time)
- **Questions?** Contact Cat Clarke at 907-265-2671, [ClarkeC@akrr.com](mailto:ClarkeC@akrr.com)
- The railroad will notify the selected artist via telephone and by U.S. mail by mid-April 2025. The railroad will return submitted materials to artists who include a self-addressed, stamped envelope, or who pick up their submitted materials in person.

### **Dates to Remember:**

- Monday, January 13, 2025 – the contest entry period begins
- Friday, April 4, 2025 – print contest submissions must be received by 5:00 p.m.
- Mid-April 2025 – Committee review complete; winning entry selected.
- Mid-April 2025 – Artists are notified of contest results.
- Friday, May 16, 2025 – Submissions must be retrieved (or mailed in self-addressed, postage-paid envelope). Submissions not retrieved by May 16 may be disposed.
- Friday, August 8, 2025 – Chosen artist must deliver completed artwork to Alaska Railroad in Anchorage.
- November 2025 - January 2026 – Art print and poster are released for sale to the public & chosen artist participates in sale-and-signing events.

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The ARRC is an Equal Opportunity Corporation. If you need special assistance (including language) in order to participate in any ARRC service, program, or activity, please contact the Alaska Railroad Corporation; P.O. Box 107500; Anchorage, AK 99510; Attention: Legal Department, [zappasj@akrr.com](mailto:zappasj@akrr.com), (907) 265-2461; via Alaska Relay Service for hearing impaired – dial 7 11 anywhere inside Alaska, OR dial toll-free from anywhere outside the state 1-800-770-8255 (voice); 1-800 770-8973 (TTY). Upon request, printed materials can be made available in alternate formats.