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CI T-Shirt Design Competition: Submission Instructions

Imagine a learning center for everyone. E-V-E-R-Y one. The history of the former African-American school, *Christiansburg Institute*, is shared with all community members as we enjoy spaces to meet, engage in conversation about the issues facing the New River Valley, and grow as a community. We uplift the marginalized around us, create brave spaces, and learn from one another. What would the Edgar A. Long building look like? What could we create together?

That's what we need your help imagining for the *Christiansburg Institute's T-Shirt Design Contest*. This is a fully inclusive arts based contest; whether you're a CI alum, a descendent, identify in the black and brown community, are white, trans, muslim, differently abled, a refugee, a professor, a student or a coal miner, we want to see your vision of a restored Edgar A. Long building. How do you express your identities, life experiences, and passions in the design? This fun and family-friendly competition will **engage the creative imagination and artistic expression of our diverse communities across the New River Valley, raise awareness about the Christiansburg Institute, and advance a community-centered grassroots approach to the preservation of the historic Edgar A. Long building**. After all, #BlackHistoryMatters and #LocalHistoryMatters! Proceeds from t-shirt sales will go towards full roof repair and restoration of the historic Edgar A. Long building.

What is the historic Edgar A. Long building? The Edgar A. Long building, named after principal Edgar A. Long, was built in 1927 and is one of the last remaining structures from the original 185-acre Christiansburg Institute campus and the only one named after an African-American. In 2001 it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The building features 3 full floors (including the basement) with nearly 10,000 square feet of usable space. The Christiansburg Institute Alumni Association and Christiansburg Institute Inc., envision a restored Edgar A. Long building serving as an intergenerational learning center, flexible community gathering space, non-profit office space, an immersive museum, and a commercial grade community kitchen. We also want to be intentional about welcoming the larger community across the New River Valley to participate in the Christiansburg Institute story. We're enthusiastic to learn how you, the community, imagines a restored Edgar A. Long building and what you'd like to see happening within its historic walls!

Design Guidelines:

Explore your artistic imagination! We have only 2 design guidelines:

1. The Edgar A. Long building must be incorporated into the overall design. Exactly *how* the building is incorporated into the design or *what* the building looks like is entirely up to you — explore your imagination as to what the Long building could look like when it's fully restored!
2. The text "Christiansburg Institute" must also be incorporated into the design, however, the rest is up to you (text font, colors, size, etc)!

Deadline for submission: 11:59pm on Thursday, December 20

What to submit?

- Application Form (must be complete to be considered)
- Photo of artwork (head on, good lighting, no people or personal information visible)

Where to submit?

- christiansburginstituteinc@gmail.com
 - Title the email: *T-Shirt Design Submission - [insert your name]*
- PO Box 433, Christiansburg, VA 24068

Competition Categories:

You may select one competition category:

- Youth (0 – high school)
- College Student (currently enrolled full or part-time)
- Adult (18+)
- CI Alumni (attended *Christiansburg Institute*)

Each category will have one winner, whose design will be printed and sold for the new year. Recognition will also go to second and third place in each category, with their work being spotlighted on social media. Everyone who submits, not limited to winners, may be invited to participate in future exhibits or to speak about their reimagining of the building at events. We may request the original artwork from winners to obtain higher quality photos for printing purposes.

We can't wait to see what you invent!

~Your Neighbors at Christiansburg Institute



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INSTITUTE, INC.**

T-Shirt Design Contest Application

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____
Last First

Place of Residence: _____
City/Town Zip code

Phone: _____ Email _____

Relationship to Christiansburg Institute

- I'm new! Family/Descendent of CI alumnus CIAA Volunteer
 CI Alumnus CI Inc. Volunteer

Competition Category

Please select **one** competition category.

- Youth** (preschool – high school)

Age: _____ School's Name: _____

- College Student** (currently enrolled full or part time)

Institution's Name: _____

- Adult** (18+)

- CI Alumni** (attended Christiansburg Institute)

Optional Personal Essay

What do you want us to know about you and your design?

Artwork Release

I certify that I, _____, created the artwork submitted with this application. Further, I grant Christiansburg Institute Inc. full ownership of this artwork, including exclusive rights to print and exhibit it. I consent to using an electronic signature on this release, if applicable.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Legal Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____