



Request for Proposals

Project: Rendering of a full-bodied statue of Coleman A. Young for placement in Statuary Hall, United States Capitol

Introduction

In December 2022, the Michigan State Legislature unanimously passed a resolution introduced by former State Senator Adam Hollier to place a full-bodied statue of late Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young Statue in the United States Capitol building, Washington D.C. As a result, Mayor Young stands to become the first African-American voted by a state legislature to have his likeness take residence in Statuary Hall.

Coleman A. Young Foundation, as fiduciary for a fundraising initiative designed to support the creation, marketing and placement of the Young statue, has assembled a lead commission consisting of the following corporate and community leaders:

Chris Ilitch, *CEO, Ilitch Holdings*

Wendy Jackson, *director of Detroit Programs, Kresge Foundation*

John James, *chairman, James Group International*

Suzanne Shank, *CEO, Siebert Williams Shank & Co.*

Marvin Beatty, *vice president of Community and Public Relations, Hollywood Casino at Greektown*

Adam Hollier, *director, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency*

Objective

The Coleman A. Young Statue Initiative is seeking proposals from experienced sculptors interested in creating a full-bodied statue of Coleman A. Young, the first African-American and longest-serving mayor of Detroit, Michigan. The selected artist must have the capability to sculpt a triumphant and accurate image of Mayor Young's likeness in either bronze or marble, and in alignment with the [standards set by the United States Capitol Architect](#) and the Coleman A. Young Statue Commission.

Key Requirements

Must show documented experience creating full-bodied statues, particularly of historical figures, for high-profile projects; and must accurately depict the likeness of Coleman A. Young in bronze or marble if hired.

- Proposals should detail anticipated project costs, in the form of a proposed budget or a list of expected expenditures.



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- Proposals should include a proposed production schedule, including an estimated timeframe for completion, and checkpoints at which the Coleman A. Young Statue Commission can review and comment on drafts in progress.
- Proposals should include samples of the artists' vision for the statue.
- Compliance with the standards and guidelines set by the Coleman A. Young Statue Initiative and the United States Capitol Architecture team is required.
- The Coleman A. Young Statue Initiative reserves the right to approve, reject or request correction of all draft renderings.

Proposal Submission

Interested sculptors are invited to submit their proposals by July 31, 2024. Proposals should include a detailed artistic concept, proposed materials, aggressive but reasonable completion estimate, production schedule, anticipated costs, creative process description, and relevant experience creating similar works. All submissions should be sent to the Coleman A. Young Foundation at info@cayf.org.

Selection Process

The selection of the winning proposal will be based on artistic merit, accuracy of portrayal, adherence to guidelines, production schedule feasibility, cost considerations, and overall creativity. The selected sculptor will be required to honor designated progress checkpoints and work closely with the Coleman A. Young Statue Initiative throughout the sculpting process.

We look forward to receiving proposals and honoring the legacy of Coleman A. Young in Statuary Hall. [Upload submissions](#) to Coleman A. Young Foundation's website. For any inquiries or further information, please contact Coleman A. Young Foundation at info@cayf.org or at (313) 217-2127.

Sincerely,

The Coleman A. Young Statue Commission