

**GENERAL AFFIDAVIT**

The within named person (Affiant), Mark Cranford, who is a resident of Lee County, State of FL, personally came and appeared before me, the undersigned Notary Public, and makes this his/her statement, testimony and General Affidavit under oath or affirmation, in good faith, and under penalty of perjury, of sincere belief and personal knowledge that the following matters, facts, and things set forth are true and correct, to the best of his/her knowledge:

FROM: Metaphysician Mark Cranford [mcdesignarts@mac.com](mailto:mcdesignarts@mac.com)

Subject: Robert Rauschenberg Foundation NYC / Robert Rauschenberg Museum, Fort Myers, Florida

DATE: 11/20/2023

**PRESS RELEASE: FOR IMMEDIATE REEASE**

**11/20/2023 ADDRESS TO THE CITY OF FORT MYERS FLORIDA  
CITY COUNCIL**

**Ward 4 City Councilman Dr. Liston Bochette has asked me this past fall 2021 to write a set of pamphlets and for the explanation of the forces tearing our City of Fort Myers, Florida and nation apart. This writing is especially difficult as I am challenged by my intellectual disabilities and unique intellectual abilities. I am profoundly honored to do this work and yet I am cast into this role by the natural forces of my life and the government, academic and institutional forces that oppose a natural and citizen inventor in visual art history painting**

11/6/2023 I have been asked here locally if I would lead the effort for establishing a Robert Rauschenberg Museum here in Fort Myers, Florida.

10/23/2023 I was contacted by the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation and for the opportunity to apply for their Archives Research Residency in NYC. I have never been contacted by the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation before and I wanted to take advantage of their offering. One of the requirements is that the applicant must hold a graduate degree or above or equivalent to qualify. This is the body of the email I wrote them for affirmation of my experiences.

Dear Robert Rauschenberg Foundation Archives Research Residency,

I am interested in applying for your Archives Research Residency. One of the requirements is for the applicant to be at the graduate level and above or equivalent. I would like to know if I qualify?

I received a BFA from the former Atlanta College Of Art (now SCAD Atlanta) in 1978 in a unique program from 1974-1978.

2013 Director Jade Dellinger of the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery has written that I am his closest peer here in SWFL

2016 City Of Fort Myers, Florida Art and Culture Grant , administered by the SWFL Community Foundation / Collaboratory and sponsored by the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation I am noted as genius, conceptual artist and American Revolutionary

2017 City Of Fort Myers, Florida Art and Culture Grant Recipient Exhibition I was addressed as Metaphysician by CEO of the SWFL Community Foundation / Collaboratory. I was asked about the academic enigmas I crack and in real time and if I could read the minds of other metaphysicians.

2019 I was made environmentalist by Director Dellinger of the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery

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Thank you for your consideration, Mark Cranford

The Robert Rauschenberg Foundation Archives Research Residency wrote me back and affirmed my inquiry.

“Your experience meets our graduate level and above or equivalent requirement.”

The opportunity for greatness for democracy is at hand.

By design from Robert Rauschenberg the uniqueness of this opportunity has fallen to the City Council of the City of Fort Myers, Florida.

I will begin a program to inform our City government and neighbors . I will do my best to live up to the endorsements I have received and to uphold our US Constitution and in an effort to establish peace and sustainability for human governance and as democracy and on the eve of artificial intelligence.



**Robert Rauschenberg Foundation**

Inbox - iCloud October 23, 2023 at 11:01 AM

Open Call: 2024 Archives Research Residency, Robert Rauschenberg Foundation

To: Cranford Mark,

Reply-To: Robert Rauschenberg Foundation



**archives Robert Rauschenberg Foundation**

Inbox - iCloud November 1, 2023 at 2:19 PM

Re: eligibility Archives Research Residency

To: Mark Cranford

Dear Mark,

Thank you for your inquiry. Your experience meets our graduate level and above or equivalent requirement. All the best with your application.

Francine

Francine Snyder  
Director of Archives

On Wed, Nov 1, 2023 at 5:51 AM Mark Cranford <[mcdesignarts@me.com](mailto:mcdesignarts@me.com)> wrote:

Dear Robert Rauschenberg Foundation Archives Research Residency, I am resending this eMail to you because I had mistakenly addressed my previous eMail to you as Robert Rauschenberg Residency and wanted to correct that.  
Thank you, Mark Cranford

On Nov 1, 2023, at 3:58 AM, Mark Cranford <[mcdesignarts@me.com](mailto:mcdesignarts@me.com)> wrote:

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Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

Mark Cranford  
Signature of Affiant

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State of Florida

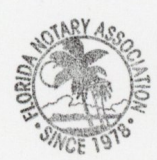
County of Lee

Subscribed and sworn to, or affirmed, before me on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November,  
2023 by Affiant Mark Cranford

Nicole Campbell  
Signature of Notary Public

09/14/2026

My Commission Expires:



NICOLE CAMPBELL  
Notary Public  
State of Florida  
Comm# HH312127  
Expires 9/14/2026