

Peoria County Election Commission “I Voted” Sticker Design Contest Rules

In 2025, Peoria County will mark two significant milestones: the 10th anniversary of the Peoria County Election Commission and the County's Bicentennial. To honor these occasions, the Election Commission is hosting an “I Voted” sticker design contest. The winning design(s) will be featured on digital and/or printed stickers distributed during the 2025 Peoria County Consolidated Elections.

There will be two categories of competition: Youth (under 18 years old) and Adult (18+).

Eligibility

Contest participants are limited to those residing within the boundaries of the County of Peoria, Illinois. Students attending colleges or universities within Peoria County (i.e. Illinois Central College or Bradley University) but maintaining residency elsewhere are able to participate. All participants are subject to verification by the Peoria County Election Commission.

Those participating in the youth contest, must have a parent or guardian sign their entry form.

Design Requirements

Participants may submit sticker design entries in digital format or hard copy format. Participants may submit up to 3 different design entries. Participants must complete and submit an entry form with each entry. The entry form is available at www.peoriaelections.gov/248. Hard copies are also available at the Peoria County Election Commission, Participating Libraries, and the Peoria County Courthouse (Room 502).

All entries must include the words, “I Voted” in a legible manner.

Design entries must be original work and must not include, be based on, or derived from any third-party designs, trademarks, or copyrighted images. All submitted entries may be modified, reproduced, and published at the Election Commission’s discretion.

Design entries cannot contain any references to any candidates or political parties or advocate for or against any issue. The design must be non-partisan.

Design entries cannot include any obscene, violent, or defamatory words or images.

Participants are encouraged to explain their design and any symbolism found within on the Entry Form.

How to Enter

Digital entries should be submitted via our online form on our website at <https://www.peoriaelections.gov/248>. Digital entries must be a circle shape and 300 dpi with a minimum 2 inches in height and 2 inches in width at their greatest points. Larger submissions must maintain a 2:2 ratio.

Hard copy/paper entries may be dropped off at the Peoria County Election Commission, Participating Libraries, or the Peoria County Courthouse (Room 502). Hard copy/paper entries can also be mailed to the Peoria County Election Commission, 4422 N Brandywine Dr. #1, Peoria, IL 61614. All entries must be received by 12 pm on November 1, 2024.

The entry period begins on Friday, September 13, 2024 and ends at 12 pm on Friday, November 1st, 2024. All entries must be submitted separately. Late entries will not be accepted. Contest entry is free.

By submitting a design entry, you give the Peoria County Election Commission permission to adjust, crop, brighten, or make other minor edits to the image without changing its overall image to meet printing requirements.

Ownership of Entries

Upon receiving your design, its copyright will belong to the Peoria County Election Commission. Peoria County is under no obligation to select a design for either category of competition.

By submitting a design, you are acknowledging that you have read and agree to the "I Voted" Sticker Design Contest Rules.

Judges & Criteria for Evaluation

Designs will be evaluated for meeting design requirements by Peoria County Election Commission Staff.

Those that meet the requirements will be reviewed by a panel of judges comprised of the Peoria County Board of Commissioners during the November Monthly Board meeting.

If one of the Commissioners is unable to attend the meeting, the Executive Director of the Peoria County Election Commission will serve as an alternate judge.

The judges will use the following criteria:

- Artistic skill and excellence shown in the design
- Uniqueness of the design
- The design's celebration of voting and/or civic pride

Contest Winners and Runners-Up

The winning designs will be distributed either in digital and/or print format during the 2025 Consolidated Elections. The winning designs and the runners-up will be displayed on the Peoria County Election Commission website.

The winners selected will receive a plaque and recognition at the Peoria County Election Commission December Board Meeting.