

Official Rules for the Sticker Design Contest

The Mecklenburg County Electoral Board is proud to announce our first “I Voted” Sticker Design Contest. The winning design will be used throughout Mecklenburg County Voter projects and outreach campaigns. It will also be printed on stickers distributed to voters on Election Day, and for absentee/By Mail Voter’, and/or other digital stickers.

By submitting an entry, you agree to be bound by the following Official Rules:

1. **Sponsor:** The contests are sponsored by the Culpeper County Voter Registration and Election Office.
2. **Eligibility:** The contest is open to all students (K-12) that reside in Mecklenburg County. Employees of the Mecklenburg County Electoral Board, Selection Committee, or their family members are not eligible to participate.
3. **How to Enter:** To enter, you must complete form which is on our website: <https://www.mecklenburgelections.com/sticker-contest.html>, or you can contact the voter registration office and we will mail you one. The form will be available on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, and will close at 4:30 p.m. on Fri., May 1, 2026. Multiple entries are permitted. No entry fee is required to participate in the contests.
4. **Design Requirements:** Entries must include the phrase “I Voted” and “Mecklenburg”. They must also represent Mecklenburg County, Virginia. Entries should not include the year or an election date. Entries should be a circle, 2-inches in diameter. A template is available online. All entries should be submitted as vector files or high-resolution JPGs with a minimum resolution of 300 dpi, or even the original drawing.
5. **Judging Criteria:** Entries will be reviewed by a selection committee consisting of Electoral Board Members, Registrar Office Staff, Members of the Board of Supervisors, and Staff from the Clerk of Courts Office. Finalists will be announced Fri., August 1, 2024. Entries will be scored on the following criteria.
 - a. Uniqueness of the Design
 - b. Meaningful and Consistent Theme
 - c. Originality
 - d. Pro-Voting Message

It is intended for the Electoral Board and Panel to select three to five finalists for each contest, but more or fewer may be selected at the discretion of the Sponsor. There will be only one round of judging to select the finalists for each contest. Finalists for the contest will be announced June 30, 2024. Thereafter, there will be a public vote, as to the winner for the “I Voted” Sticker Contest

6. **Public Voting:** Public voting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on July 6, 2026 and end at 4:30 p.m. on July 24, 2026. Voting will take place online at <https://www.mecklenburgelections.com/sticker-contest.html>. Only Mecklenburg County residents will be permitted to vote. You may only vote once. Any activity that is deemed fraudulent, unfair, or unethical, such as use of bots, scripts, or other automated voting, will be removed and/or result in disqualification. In the event of a tie, the winner will be selected based on the scores of the selection committee.
7. **Winner Verification:** All winners are subject to verification. Winners will be notified on or around August 3, 2026, and announced at the September County Board of Supervisors Meeting. Winners should plan to be available.
8. **Ownership of Entries:** The Mecklenburg County Electoral Board does not claim ownership rights to your entry. By filling out the submission form and checking the box that acknowledges you have read and agree to the Official Rules, you agree to grant the Mecklenburg County Electoral Board/Registrar's Office a perpetual, non-exclusive, fully paid-up and royalty-free, worldwide license to use, modify, delete from, add to, publicly perform, publicly display, reproduce and translate your Entry, including without limitation the right to distribute all or part of your Entry in any media formats through any media channels. By submitting an entry, you consent to the use by the contest partners of your design and your name in connection with the competition and related marketing activities, in any media or format now known or hereafter invented, in any and all locations, without any payment to or further approval from you. You agree that this consent is perpetual and cannot be revoked.
9. **Representations and Warranties:** By submitting an entry, you represent and warrant that your entry:
 - a. is your original artwork;
 - b. does not contain material that is in the sole judgement of competition partners obscene, inappropriate for a general audience, defamatory, or overtly political;
 - c. does not violate or infringe upon the copyrights, trademarks, rights of privacy, publicity, or other rights of any person or entity;
 - d. does not contain malicious code
 - e. does not violate any applicable law, statute, ordinance, rule or regulation;
 - f. does not feature the likeness of a private individual without that individual's explicit written permission for its use; and
 - g. does not trigger any report or royalty obligation to any third party.
10. **Indemnification:** You agree to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Registrar and his agents from any third party claim, action, or lawsuit of whatever nature, arising from your violation of the representations, warranties or rules of this Contest.

11. **General Conditions:** The Sponsor reserves the right to cancel, suspend and/or modify the contests, or any part of them, including the dates of the contests for any reason whatsoever in its sole discretion. The Sponsor reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify any individual or competitor it finds to be tampering with the entry process or the operation of the contests or to be acting in violation of these Official Rules or any other promotion or in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner. Any attempt by any person to deliberately undermine the legitimate operation of the contest may be a violation of criminal and civil law, and should such an attempt be made, the Sponsor reserves the right to seek damages from any such person to the fullest extent permitted by law. The Sponsor's failure to enforce any term of these Official Rules shall not constitute a waiver of that provision. The Sponsor is not responsible for, nor is the Sponsor or judges required to count incomplete, late, misdirected, damaged, unlawful or illicit votes, including those secured through payment, votes achieved through automated means, as well as those lost for technical reasons or otherwise.
12. **Disputes:** Entrant agrees that:
- a. any and all disputes, claims and causes of action arising out of or connected with the contests, or any prizes awarded, other than those concerning the administration of the contests or the determination of the winners, shall be resolved individually, without resort to and with waiver as to any form of class action;
 - b. any and all disputes, claims and causes of action arising out of or connected with this contest, or any prizes awarded, shall be resolved exclusively in the Culpeper County Circuit Court;
 - c. any and all issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Official Rules, or the rights and obligations of the entrant and Sponsors in connection with the contest, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law rules or legal analysis, which would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than the Commonwealth of Virginia;
 - d. any and all claims, judgments and awards shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred associated with entering this contest, but in no event attorneys' fees; and
 - e. under no circumstances will an entrant be permitted to obtain awards for, and entrant hereby waives all rights to claim punitive, incidental, consequential damages, any other damages (other than for actual out-of-pocket expenses), and any and all rights to have damages multiplied or otherwise increased.

Disclaimer: This contest is void where prohibited by law.