



# Peoria County Flag Design Contest

## Entry Form

Please create your design in the space provided above.

Explanation of your design: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ (submit additional sheet if necessary)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you are a college student with permanent residency outside Peoria County.

I have read and understand the Peoria County Flag Design Contest Rules (please check box).

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*Signature of participant or guardian*

Please replicate your design in the box to the right. Designs should be simple enough to be legible in a 1"x1.5" box.

## Peoria County Flag Design Contest Rules

Contest participants are limited to those residing within the boundaries of the County of Peoria, Illinois. Should a question on residency arise, addresses will be verified by Peoria County Treasurer and GIS offices. Students attending colleges or universities within Peoria County (i.e. Illinois Central College and Bradley University), but maintaining residency elsewhere, are also able to participate.

Contest entry is free.

Participants may submit flag design entries in digital format or hard copy format. Participants must complete and submit a Peoria County Flag Design Contest Entry Form with each entry. An online entry submission form as well as a downloadable (print) form is available at [www.peoriacounty.gov/1232](http://www.peoriacounty.gov/1232). Hard copies are also available at the Peoria County Courthouse Room 502, all Peoria Public Libraries, Dunlap Public Library, Brimfield Public Library, Chillicothe Public Library, Alpha Park Public Library, Lillie M Evans Public Library (Princeville), and Peoria Heights Public Library.

Digital entries should be submitted via our online form at [www.peoriacounty.gov/1232](http://www.peoriacounty.gov/1232). Entries should be 7.5 in wide x 4.5 in high. Each digital entry must be submitted separately. Participants may submit up to 3 different design entries.

Hard copy/paper entries may be dropped off or mailed to Peoria County Courthouse, Attn: Flag Contest, 324 Main St, Room 502, Peoria IL 61602. Each entry, up to 3, must be on a separate entry form.

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 County's discretion. Participants are encouraged to explain their design and how it symbolizes Peoria County.

Entries must be received by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, to be eligible for consideration. Peoria County is not responsible for computer or connectivity problems. Peoria County shall make a good-faith effort to retrieve all entries, but Peoria County is not responsible for entries that are lost, overlooked, damaged, not received by the contest deadline, or not able to be uploaded due to computer or internet difficulties.

### Design Suggestions

These are suggestions from the North American Vexillological Association (NAVA) on good flag design. More information is available at <https://nava.org>.

- Keep It Simple - The flag should be so simple that a child can draw it from memory.
- Use Meaningful Symbolism - The flag's images, colors, or patterns should relate to our community.
- Use 2 or 3 Basic Colors - Limit the number of colors on the flag to three which contrast well.
- No Lettering or Seals - Avoid writing of any kind or the County seal.
- Be Distinctive or Be Related - Avoid duplicating other flags, but use similarities to show connections.
- Consider Real-World Structure - Imagine how the flag will look in a variety of locations and sizes.

**Winning Artwork** Digital artwork may be submitted in various formats, though PDF, PNG, or JPEG is preferred. If the original artwork was created as a vector, Peoria County will work with the artist to receive the original file for production and distribution. Winning artwork will be digitized if it was submitted in hard copy.

By participating in this contest, the artist acknowledges that should their flag design win, anyone will have the right to freely use, copy, modify, and share the flag.

The winning artist will be recognized with the flag at the unveiling ceremony, on the Peoria County website, and on Peoria County's social media channels. Plus, they can officially call themselves a vexillographer (creator of flags).

**Voting** A team of judges will narrow down choices to no more than 5. The public will then be invited to vote on those entries through a digital platform. Libraries in Peoria County will assist residents with voting if they do not have internet access. If the judging panel deems not enough qualified entries have been received, the judges may choose to not select any flag to continue for a public vote.

### Timeline (subject to change)

- August 8-September 7, 2022 - Entry period open
- September 9-15 - Entries are evaluated and culled down to no more than 5
- September 19-September 28 - Public voting on designs
- October 22 - Flag unveiling event