



City of Pekin Flag Design Contest

Entry Form

Please create your design in the space provided above.

Explanation of your design: _____

_____ (submit additional sheet if necessary)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Check here if you are a Pekin based college student currently abroad.

I have read and understand the City of Pekin Flag Design Contest Rules (please check box).

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

Signature of participant or guardian

City of Pekin Flag Design Contest Rules

Contest participants are limited to those who live, work, or attend school within the geographic boundaries of zip code 61554. Should a question regarding eligibility arise, participant information will be verified via official Tazewell County records. Pekin based students attending colleges or universities abroad 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 City of Pekin Flag Design Contest Entry Form with each entry. An online entry submission form as well as a downloadable (print) form is available at discoverpekin.com/flag. Hard copies are also available at Pekin City Hall and the Pekin Public Library.

Digital entries should be submitted via our online form at discoverpekin.com/flag. 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 Pekin City Hall, Attn: Flag Contest, 111 S. Capitol St. Pekin, Illinois 61554. 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 City's discretion. Participants are encouraged to explain their design and how it symbolizes the City of Pekin.

Entries must be received by 5 p.m. on Thursday, August 15, 2024, to be eligible for consideration. The City of Pekin is not responsible for computer or connectivity problems. The City of Pekin shall make a good-faith effort to retrieve all entries, but the City of Pekin 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, the City of Pekin 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 City of Pekin's website, and on the City of Pekin's social media channels. Plus, they can officially call themselves a vexillographer (creator of flags).

Voting The City of Pekin Beautification Committee, collaborating with art, design, and vexillological advisors, will judge the entries and narrow down choices to no more than 5. The public will then be invited to vote on those entries through a digital platform. In person voting will be provided at the Pekin Public Library for residents who 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)

- June 15-August 15, 2024 – Entry period open
- August 16-31 – Entries are evaluated
- September 5-September 12 – Public voting on designs
- October (Date TBD) – Flag unveiling event