

DESIGN CONTEST DISCLOSURE

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Cleveland Flag Project Design Contest. We believe in respect for designers' rights, transparent communication, and fair compensation, prioritizing ethical design practices.

Before you submit your design, please review and agree to the following terms and conditions:

- Participation in this contest is voluntary. By submitting a design, you acknowledge that there is no guarantee of compensation.
- This contest aims to engage the community in shaping the identity of Cleveland. Your submission contributes to this collective public effort.
- The city flag represents the identity and values of our community. Your submission serves the public good and may contribute to the city's visual identity.
- Finalists selected by the Flag Selection Committee and its Advisory Panel will receive acknowledgment, exposure, and compensation. Submitted designs may be randomly selected for social media features, with the permission of the artist/designer.
- By submitting a design, you grant the Cleveland Flag Project the right to use, modify, and reproduce your design for public display.
- All designs submitted must be original works created by the participant. Plagiarism or infringement of intellectual property rights will result in disqualification from the contest.
- Participants must ensure that their designs do not contain any copyrighted material or trademarks belonging to third parties. By submitting a design, participants certify that they have obtained any necessary permissions or licenses for elements used in their design that are not their original creations. Any such infringement will lead to immediate disqualification.

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- Ownership rights to all non-winning designs will be retained by the original creator. Upon the adoption of the new flag into city law, ownership rights for the winning design will be transferred to the City of Cleveland.
- The use of artificial intelligence (AI) in any form is strictly prohibited in this design contest. Any submissions found in violation of this rule will be disqualified.
- The selection process for winning designs will be transparent and fair, guided by the Advisory Panel made up of design experts.
- The Cleveland Flag Project is organized by unpaid volunteers, and budgets for such projects may be limited. Any remaining funds at the end of the project will be donated to local non-profit organizations.

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