

2026 Michigan “I Voted” Sticker Competition

Talking Points and FAQs for Clerks

What are the rules to submit a design?

Each Michigan resident may only submit one entry overall.

- Designs MUST include the phrase “I Voted” and be nonpartisan.
- Artwork can be created in any medium (digital, paint, crayon, mixed media, etc.).
- Designs must be original and non-AI generated; and cannot contain copyrighted or trademarked designs.
- Designs must be submitted by May 1, 2026, at 5 p.m.

What are the categories for submission?

Michigan residents can submit under one of three categories:

- Elementary/middle school (K-8)
- High school (9-12)
- General (open to all Michiganders)

How will winners be selected?

All submissions will be screened to make sure they are in compliance with our contest rules. Once that is determined, the [College Student Advisory Task Force](#) (CSATF) will narrow down a selection to be put forth for public voting. The public will vote for their favorite stickers throughout the month of June. The winners will be notified over the summer as well as the public.

What do winners receive?

The winning designs will be distributed to clerks across the state and handed out to voters in the November General Election. Winners do not receive any cash prize.

How will the final designs be selected?

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MDOS and the [College Student Advisory Task Force](#), students appointed by the Secretary of State who aim to improve youth voter engagement, will review all submissions. Qualifying finalists will be announced, and voting will be open to the public on our website throughout the month of June. We will have more information on that in the spring.

The top three vote receivers in each category will be announced as the winning designs.

Where should I refer members of the public who have questions?

Please refer members of the public to our website at Michigan.gov/IVotedSticker, which contains competition information as well as contact details for reaching out to us with questions. Media inquiries may be directed to MDOS-Press@Michigan.gov.

Can clerks submit a design/can my child submit a design?

Anyone can submit a design for consideration. There are three categories: elementary/middle school, high school, and general entry for all Michiganders to participate.

Can I print off submission forms and distribute them?

Absolutely! Printable submission forms are available at Michigan.gov/IVotedSticker.

How can I stay up to date on the status of the competition?

You can follow the Michigan Department of State social media platforms to stay up to date on sticker contest news. BOE will send out periodic updates on the status of the competition in BOE newsletters to election administrators.

2. STICKER DISTRIBUTION TO CLERKS

Will stickers be available for the August Primary?

No. Stickers will only be available for the November 2026 General Election.

Will the 2024 winning sticker designs be re-printed?

No. Currently, MDOS has no plans to re-print the 2024 winning sticker designs.

Will clerks need to order / pay for stickers?

No. Stickers will be provided to clerks by the State, with no charge to clerks. Enough stickers for each jurisdiction will be distributed to your County Clerk. To receive your jurisdiction's allotted amount, contact your County Clerk in mid-September MDOS/BOE will keep clerks updated about distribution dates.

When will stickers be available to clerks?

The final winning designs will be printed and distributed (shipped) to every county clerk in Michigan in early to mid-September for distribution to local jurisdictions.

Stickers will be provided prior to absentee ballot printing for the November General Election.

MDOS/BOE will notify all clerks when stickers are received and shipped. To make arrangements to pick up stickers for your jurisdiction, please coordinate with your county clerk closer to the date of distribution.

How many stickers will clerks receive?

MDOS is planning to print stickers for every anticipated voter in the state for the 2026 General Election, plus extras (for a total of approximately 5 million stickers). Sticker quantities by county and jurisdiction will be based on 2024 midterm turnout, with a cushion of extra stickers for (hopefully) an increase in voter turnout.

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Can I customize my sticker order, request more, or only order one specific sticker?

No. Stickers will be printed in a variety pack featuring all nine winning designs. Each jurisdiction will have a specific, pre-allocated amount that will be sent to county clerks. If you would like more stickers, you are welcome to print additional stickers on your own.

Do I have to give out these stickers?

No. Use of the Michigan "I voted" sticker competition winning stickers is entirely optional.

Will stickers be handed out at SOS branch offices again this year?

At this time, we have no plans to send "I Voted" stickers to SOS branch offices.

3. STICKER MERCHANDISING

Can I print more stickers on my own?

Yes, if you require more stickers for the purposes of handing to voters, you are welcome to print more on your own. If you intend to print your own stickers, please contact KrajewskiC1@michigan.gov once the competition has ended for high-quality image files.

Are stickers available for sale?

No, stickers will not be available for sale. Distribution of stickers for profit by election administrators, or of merchandise featuring sticker designs, are strictly prohibited. They may **only** be used as "I voted" stickers given to voters.

Can I sell stickers?

No. Sale of stickers for profit by election administrators violates the artist agreement. Only the artist themselves retains the right to profit from their artwork.

Additional Questions?

- **Clerks with additional questions** may contact Cordelia Krajewski, External Affairs Analyst, at KrajewskiC1@Michigan.gov.
- **Members of the public with questions** may visit the sticker competition website at Michigan.gov/IVotedSticker.
- **Media requests** may be forwarded to MDOS-Press@Michigan.gov