



Election Judge Button Design Contest

Contest Rules

Eligibility

- The contest is open to youth **ages 8-18** who either reside in Hennepin County or attend school in Hennepin County.

Design requirements

- Designs **must** contain the words “Hennepin County Election Judge 2026.” Designs may include the words “Vote”, “Voter”, and “Ballot”. No other words may be used.
- Designs may use the Hennepin County template (attached below) or their own font design with the required words. All words and images must be legible.
- Designs must fit on a 1.5-inch circle button.
- Designs may not include candidate names, campaign slogans, party logos, or references to issues on the ballot.
- Designs may not contain offensive statements or images, including but not limited to: images of alcohol, drugs, weapons, or profanity.
- Artwork must be original. Submissions substantially generated using AI tools are prohibited.
- Artwork must not contain copyrighted or trademarked designs. **Designs can be hand-drawn or digitally drawn.**
- Only one submission per applicant will be accepted.

How to enter

- All entries must be delivered electronically in PDF, JPEG, or PNG form to electionbuttons@hennepin.us or at hennepincounty.gov/electionbuttons.
- Files should be labeled as lastname_firstname_2026Design
- The contest will open on July 1, 2026, and entries must be received no later than 11:59pm on September 7th, 2026.
- All designs from designers under 18 years old must be submitted with a complete parental/guardian consent form (**found below**). Submissions with missing forms will be contacted via email and must be completed before the submission period closes.

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- Finalists will be announced in September and be posted on hennepincounty.gov/electionbuttons.
- We want every student to be able to participate in the Election Judge Button Design Contest. If you need help with submitting artwork, require materials in another format, or need any other accommodation, please reach out to us at electionbuttons@hennepin.us.

Accessibility and Accommodations

- Hennepin County is committed to providing equal access to participation in the Election Judge Button Contest. If you need materials in an alternative format, assistance with submission, translated materials, or other accommodations, please contact voteroutreach@hennepin.us

Judging Criteria

- Designs will be judged on the following criteria:
 - Creative aesthetic appeal and look.
 - Adherence to design requirements.
 - All words and images are legible.
 - Celebrating democracy, voting, and election judges.

Public voting

- The top 10 designs chosen by judges will be posted on hennepincounty.gov/electionbuttons.
- Voting will occur between September 14th, 2026, and October 5th, 2026.
- The public will vote for their favorite design at hennepincounty.gov/electionbuttons.
- The design with the most votes when voting closes will be selected.

Contest winner

- The winning design will be produced on over 6,000 1.5-inch buttons that will be delivered to all Election Judges to wear in Hennepin County for the Election on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026.
- Hennepin County reserves the right to modify artwork for formatting, production, accessibility, or branding purposes.
- All contestants will be notified by parental/guardian email if their design was or was not selected by the judges, and when a winner is selected.
- The name, age, city, and design will be shared on Hennepin County social media and with the media.

By submitting you agree your design is:

- Original and created by the applicant.

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- Meets the design requirements.
- Does not contain copyrighted or trademarked images, names or slogans by someone else.

All submissions grant Hennepin County a perpetual, non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use, reproduce, publish and display submitted artwork, name, age, and city of residence for contest-related and promotional purposes. The artist retains all rights, including copyright, in the original artwork.

Hennepin County may share all submitted designs with the public including name, age, and city of residence.

Hennepin County reserves the right to reject or remove any submission, cancel, suspend and/or modify the contest for any reason and disqualify any contestant who violates the rules.

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Election Judge Button Parental Consent Form

Participant Name:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Email:

Phone:

City:

Signature (Parent or Guardian):

By completing this consent form, you, as the parent or legal guardian of the child participant, agree to the following:

1. Data Collection and Use (Tennessen Warning – Minn. Stat. § 13.04, subd. 2)

Hennepin County is collecting your child's name, age, and artwork, along with your name and contact information, for the purpose of administering and promoting the Hennepin County Election Judge Button Contest. Providing this information is voluntary, but without it, your child may be unable to participate.

Your contact information will be used solely for contest-related communication and will not be shared publicly. Your child's name, age, city of residence, and artwork may be shared publicly through exhibitions, print materials, websites, social media, and other media outlets.

2. Consent and License

You grant Hennepin County a perpetual, non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use, reproduce, publish and display your child's submitted artwork, name, age, and city of residence for contest-related and promotional purposes. Your child retains all rights, including copyright, in the original artwork.

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3. No Obligation to Publish

Submission does not guarantee that the artwork will be selected for display or publication. Hennepin County reserves the right to select, edit, or decline to publish any submission at its sole discretion.

4. Loss or Damage Waiver

You acknowledge that Hennepin County is not responsible for the return of any submitted artwork. You further agree that Hennepin County and its partners are not liable for any loss, damage, or destruction of the artwork, whether occurring before, during, or after the contest, and you waive any legal claims related to such loss or damage.

5. General Release

You release and hold harmless Hennepin County and its partners from any claims arising out of or related to your child's participation in the Hennepin County Election Judge Button Contest, including the use, publication, or display of the submitted artwork or information.

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Button template

**Final artwork will be scaled down to a 1.5" circle*



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Image title: _____

Name: _____

Age: _____

City: _____

School (optional): _____

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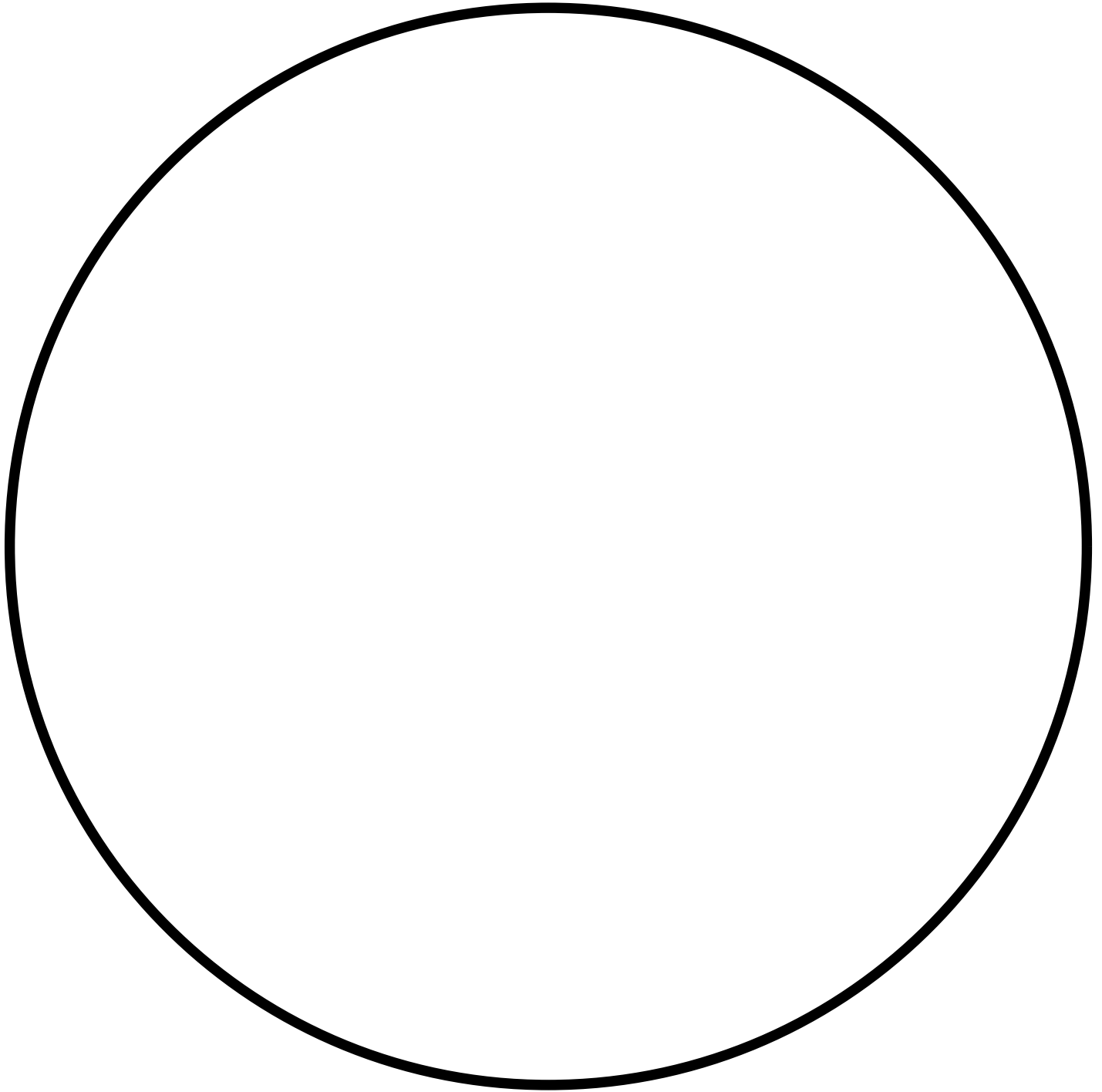


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