



2025 EAC Clearinghouse Awards Submission

Category: “I Voted” Stickers: Creative and Original “I Voted” Stickers

Jurisdiction: Wyandotte County, Kansas

Program Title: Student “I Voted” Sticker Design Contest (First-Ever / Inaugural Year)

Program Summary

In 2025, the Wyandotte County Election Office launched the county’s first-ever “I Voted” Sticker Design Contest, designed to connect students directly to the election process through civic-themed art, public recognition, and real-world participation. The initiative invited high school students to design the official “I Voted” sticker distributed to voters during the 2025 election cycle, with a parallel “Future Voter” design opportunity promoted to younger students through the office’s voter outreach channels.

The contest was intentionally structured as a simple, replicable civic-engagement program. Students submitted original artwork, the Election Office selected a winning design, and the artwork was professionally produced and distributed as the county’s official “I Voted” sticker. This approach transformed a familiar Election Day tradition into a moment of community pride while creating an early, positive connection to democracy for students who are not yet eligible to vote.

The program’s primary objectives were to:

- Engage students in elections through a meaningful, creative contribution to an official election activity;
- Build civic identity by showcasing student work countywide on Election Day; and
- Strengthen voter outreach by pairing a widely recognized turnout tradition (“I Voted” stickers) with local student participation.

As Election Commissioner Michael Abbott stated:

“The I Voted Sticker Design Contest is an engaging opportunity for students across Wyandotte County to showcase their creativity while contributing to the election process. We believe this contest will not only inspire students to engage in the democratic process but will also give them an opportunity to learn more about elections and civic responsibility –planting the seeds for future voters.”



Results and Impact

The inaugural contest generated more than 30 student submissions from across Wyandotte County and resulted in a distinctive, student designed “I Voted” sticker that was distributed to voters throughout the 2025 election cycle. The winning design was proudly worn by tens of thousands of voters countywide, extending the student’s work far beyond the classroom and into the broader civic community.

To further reinforce the importance of civic participation and youth engagement, the winning student was formally recognized before the Wyandotte County Board of Commissioners. During this public meeting, the student was acknowledged for their achievement, creativity, and contribution to the democratic process—providing a rare and meaningful opportunity for a young resident to be celebrated in a governmental setting. This recognition elevated the contest beyond an art competition, demonstrating to students that civic engagement is valued, visible, and worthy of public recognition.

Replicability and Sustainability

This program is highly replicable for jurisdictions of any size because it uses existing outreach channels and relies on community participation rather than expensive infrastructure. Key components are straightforward: publish rules, accept student submissions, select a winner, and print/distribute the sticker. The Wyandotte County “I Voted” Sticker Design Contest was intentionally designed to be low-cost, scalable, and easily replicable by election offices of any size. The program leverages existing voter outreach channels, partnerships with local schools, and community creativity—eliminating the need for new infrastructure, specialized staff, or significant financial investment.

Core program elements are simple and adaptable: publishing clear contest guidelines, accepting student submissions, selecting a winning design, and incorporating the artwork into standard “I Voted” sticker printing and distribution. Because these steps align with processes already familiar to most election offices, the contest can be implemented with minimal administrative burden while delivering meaningful civic engagement outcomes.

By combining student participation, public recognition, and a universally recognized Election Day tradition, this program offers election jurisdictions a sustainable and repeatable model for engaging future voters, strengthening community trust, and promoting civic pride.

Wyandotte County's 2025 "I Voted" Sticker Design Contest Winner





Calling all students!

Design the “I Voted” sticker for Wyandotte County!

Choose one of two contests:

Future Voter Sticker: Contest is open to all Wyandotte County middle grade students.

I Voted Sticker: Contest is open to all Wyandotte County high school students.

Each entry must be submitted individually with the completed entry and consent forms.

Entries can be submitted to:
elections@wycokck.org

Design Requirements:

- Artwork must be two-dimensional, 6" round. Artwork must be submitted digitally as a high-resolution PDF or Illustrator file (.AI). Hand-drawn artwork will be accepted.
- Artwork must be nonpartisan, nonpolitical and not advocate for a party, candidate, or any issue. Artwork must not contain anything obscene or inappropriate for general audiences.
- Artwork must be original, contain no copywrite images or trademarks, and must not infringe upon the rights of privacy or other rights of any person. Artwork will remain the property of the Wyandotte County Election Office.
- The design must include the phrase “I Voted” or “I Voted in Wyandotte County” for the **I Voted** sticker and “Future Voter” or “Future Voter in Wyandotte County” for the **Future Voter** sticker and contain the theme of voting and elections in Wyandotte County.


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Submission Deadline:
May 9, 2025 at 5 p.m.