# DESIGN THE CARROLL COUNTY "I VOTED" STICKER!

I VOTED

# WHO CAN ENTER:

Students currently enrolled in Kindergarten through 12th grade (or the equivalent for home schooled students) and adults. Must be a resident of Carroll County, Maryland. Four winners will be chosen: one from each of the elementary school, middle school, high school, and adult categories.

## HOW TO ENTER:

To enter, students and adults must submit a hand-drawn or digitally created design on the Official Design Entry Form. Students under the age of 18 must have a parent/guardian signature on the *Official Design Entry Form* and complete the *Submission Release Form*. All contest forms can be sent to ccboe@carrollcountymd.gov or by mailing in a physical copy to the Carroll County Board of Elections at PO Box 3191, Westminster, MD 21158. All entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, December 1, 2025.

## **DESIGN REQUIREMENTS:**

- The elementary school design must include the phrases "Future Voter" and "Carroll County, MD." The middle school, high school, and adult design must include the phrases "I Voted" and "Carroll County, MD." Designs must correspond with the theme of voting and elections.
- The dimensions of the design should fit on the rounded rectangular sticker 2"x1".
- Designs submitted digitally should be submitted as .pdf, .png, .jpg, or .jpeg. File size must be under 1 GB.

## **FINALIST SELECTION PROCESS:**

Designs will be evaluated by a panel of judges using the following criteria:

- a. Creativity
- b. Originality
- c. Voting Message

There will be one round of judging to select the finalists. The judges will select three designs from each of the elementary school, middle school, high school, and adult categories. The judges will select a total of twelve finalists. Finalists will be announced on Friday, December 12, 2025.

# **ONLINE PUBLIC VOTING AND RESULTS:**

The public voting period will begin on Friday, December 19, 2025 and end on Friday, January 16, 2026 at 11:59 pm. Members of the public may vote for their favorite sticker among the selected finalists on the Carroll County Board of Election website: elections.carrollcountymd.gov. The design that receives the most votes in each of the categories during the voting period will be the winners. The general public will be permitted to vote once. Winners will be contacted, and winning designs will be posted on the Carroll County Board of Elections website and social media. Final winners will be announced on Friday, January 23, 2026.

If you have any questions, please call our office at (410) 386-2080 or email us at ccboe@carrollcountymd.gov.



and posters), direct mail pieces, electronic mail, electronic media, other forms of promotion, and media campaigns etc. Participants also release the Carroll County Board of Elections, employees, agents, and designees from liability for any violation of any personal proprietary right in connection with such use and understand that this authorization shall remain in effect, unless nullified by an acknowledged written request. All entries must consist entirely of the artist's original, non-copyright artwork and may not include photographs, trademarked or Al generated images. Designs should be non-partisan and not reference any candidate, political party, or political issue. Carroll County Board of Elections reserves the right to disqualify any design that contains inappropriate images, profanity, nudity, or violates the contest rules.



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# "I Voted" Sticker Contest Submission Release Form

Thank you for submitting your design to the Carroll County Board of Elections "I Voted" Sticker Contest. All entries must include this signed release form to be considered. If the entrant is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must sign the form.

#### Entrants agree that:

By submitting a design entry, participants give the Carroll County Board of Elections the absolute right and permission to use the design in promotional materials and publicity efforts and understand that the design - the full and partial design - may be used in publications, print ads (including billboards and posters), direct mail pieces, electronic mail, electronic media, other forms of promotion, and media campaigns etc.

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### Entrant Information:

Name:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
School (if applicable):	
Current Grade Level:	
Entrant Signature:	
Date Signed:	
Check here if entrant is under 18 years of age	
Parent/Guardian Name (if student under 18)	Parent/Guardian Signature
Relationship to Entrant	Date Signed



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# Carroll County Board of Elections "I Voted" Sticker Contest Rules

By submitting an entry, you agree to be bound by the following "Official Rules" of the contest:

## 1. SPONSOR:

a) The contest is sponsored by the Carroll County Board of Elections (hereinafter referred to as the "Sponsor")

## 2. ELIGIBILITY:

- a) Adult residents of Carroll County, Maryland
- **b)** Students currently enrolled in Kindergarten through 12th grade (or the equivalent for home schooled students) in Carroll County, Maryland.
- c) Immediate family members of the Sponsor or members of their household are not eligible to participate.

## 3. HOW TO ENTER:

a) To enter, students and adults must submit a hand-drawn or digitally created design on the Official Design Entry Form. Students under the age of 18 must have a parent/guardian signature on the Official Design Entry Form and complete the Submission Release Form. All contest forms can be sent to ccboe@carrollcountymd.gov or by mailing a physical copy to the Carroll County Board of Elections at PO Box 3191, Westminster, MD 21158. All entries must be received by 11:59 pm on Monday, December 1, 2025. Late entries will not be accepted. Multiple entries are not permitted. No entry fee is required to participate in the contest. Any questions can be directed to the Carroll County Board of Elections at (410) 386-2080.

## 4. DESIGN REQUIREMENTS:

- a) The elementary school design must include the phrases "Future Voter" and "Carroll County, MD." The middle school, high school, and adult design must include the phrases "I Voted" and "Carroll County, MD." Designs must correspond with the theme of voting and elections.
- **b)** The dimensions of the design should fit on the rounded rectanglular sticker 2"x1".
- **c)** Designs submitted digitally should be submitted as .pdf, .png, .jpg, or .jpeg. File size must be under 1 GB. The Sponsor may require the original artwork of the finalists to be submitted for print quality purposes.

## 5. DESIGN GUIDELINES:

**a)** All entries must consist entirely of the artist's original, non-copyright artwork and may not include photographs or trademarked images.

**b)** Designs should be non-partisan and not reference any candidate, political party, or political issue.

**c)** Design submissions cannot use any artificial intelligence (AI) generated artwork.

**d)** Carroll County Board of Elections reserves the right to disqualify any design that contains inappropriate images, profanity, nudity, or violates the contest rules.

#### 6. FINALIST SELECTION PROCESS:

- a) Designs will be evaluated by a panel of judges using the following criteria:
  - i) Creativity
  - ii) Originality
  - iii) Voting Message
- **b)** There will be one round of judging to select the finalists. The judges will select three designs from each category. The judges will select a total of twelve finalists. Finalists will be announced on Friday, December 12, 2025.

#### 7. ONLINE PUBLIC VOTING:

 a) The public voting period will begin on Friday, December 19, 2025 and will end on Friday, January 16, 2026 at 11:59 pm. Members of the public may vote for their favorite sticker among the selected finalists on the Carroll County Board of Elections website: elections.carrollcountymd.gov. The design that receives the most votes in each of the elementary school, middle school, high school, and adult categories during the voting period will be the winners. The general public will be permitted to vote once. The judges overall scores when selecting finalists will be used to determine the winners if there is a tie.

#### 8. ONLINE VOTING RULES:

a) Finalists are encouraged to tell members of the public about the "I Voted" Sticker Contest and provide them with information on how to vote. Any voting activity that is deemed as unfair or deceitful is not permitted and may result in the removal of a design entry or disqualification of the finalist.

#### 9. CONFIRMATION OF WINNERS AND FINALISTS:

a) All potential winners and finalists are subject to verification by the Sponsor. Potential winners will be notified on Friday, January 23, 2026, using the contact information provided on the Official Design Entry Form or Submission Release Form. If the winners and runners-up cannot be verified, the Sponsor will fill the positions with the next highest votes from the public voting.

#### 10. CONTEST WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP:

- a) The winner's designs will be used as the official "I Voted" Stickers of Carroll County, Maryland for the 2026 election year and will be offered to all voters who cast ballots during that year.
- **b)** The names and designs of the finalists may appear on media outlets such as television, radio, newspaper, social media etc.

#### **11. OWNERSHIP OF ENTRIES:**

**a)** The Sponsor claims ownership to the contest entries. By completing the *Submission Release Form* and submitting a design, you are acknowledging that you have read and agree to these Official Rules and to release liability.