

DURHAM COUNTY KIDS ‘FUTURE VOTER’ STICKER CONTEST

CONTEST BACKGROUND

In 2024, the Durham County Board of Elections, established a Kids ‘Future Voter’ sticker contest for students in grades K-12 in conjunction with Durham County’s Kid’s Voting program. The winning sticker will be given to kids when they present to vote with their guardians.

CONTEST RULES

All Durham County artists and residents in grades K-12 that desire to participate in the ‘Future Voter’ sticker contest will be required to submit a design under the following guidelines:

1. Artists and residents must be enrolled in a K-12 academic institution and be current residents of Durham County. This includes home school students.
2. Each artist and resident will be limited to one sticker design submission per contest.
3. The design must be in a 2-inch circle format.
4. The design must include the words ‘Future Voter’.
5. The design must not include any copyrighted images/designs, unless permitted for use due to purchase or written approval by the owner of said image/design.
6. The design must not explicitly or implicitly support/oppose a candidate, referendum, or other ballot item.
7. The design must not have derogatory or offensive content.
8. The design must incorporate Durham County symbols, landmarks, voting centric themes, and/or reflect your perspective of Durham County’s values.
9. The design must be submitted in a file format approved by the contest managers. Acceptable file types will be listed in the submission survey.
10. Designers must waive all creative and legal rights to the design and the top three finalists or their legal guardian must sign a waiver reflecting this stipulation before the final round of voting.
11. The top three finalists will be required to complete county documentation prior to receiving a monetary prize.
12. The design must be submitted by the deadline established by contest managers.

VOTING PROCESS

Following the submission deadline and compliance reviews by contest managers, designs will be submitted to the public (First two rounds) and the Board of Elections (Third and final round) for voting. Durham County residents, that are in grades K-12, will be permitted to vote on one design during each of the first two rounds of voting. The voting structure shall be governed as follows:

- **First Round:** All approved designs will be submitted to the general public for voting via means established by contest managers. Each Durham County resident in grades K-12, will be permitted to vote on one design.

- Second Round: The top ten designs will move to the next round of voting based on results from the first round. Each Durham County resident in grades K-12, will be permitted to vote on one design.
- Third Round (Final (Non-Public)): The top three designs will move to the final round of voting based on results from the second round. In this round, the Durham County Board of Elections, by majority vote, will determine the order of the top three finishers.

Upon completion of each public voting round, the contest managers will review the voting data to ensure compliance with established rules and discount all verified duplicate votes. Each round will proceed following voting compliance and validation checks. Results will be released to the public following each round of voting on the Board of Elections website.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

Following the final round of voting and data validation, the winner will be announced, and details released to the public. The winner will be invited to attend a ceremony to be formally announced as the creator of the winning design. This ceremony will be conducted by the Durham County Board of Elections at a regular Board of Commissioners meeting.

KEY DATES

All dates 2024:

Monday, July 15 th	Contest launch
Sunday, August 11 th (11:59pm)	Submission deadline
Friday, August 16 th – Friday, August 23 rd	First round voting
Monday, August 26 th – Monday, September 2 nd	Second round voting
Thursday, September 12 th	Winner determined at Board Meeting

PRIZE PACKAGE

The winner of the Kids ‘Future Voter’ sticker contest will receive a custom plaque with an engraving of their design, a monetary prize from the Durham County Board of Elections, and additional prizes donated by supportive businesses/entities, if available. The two runner ups will also receive a monetary prize from the Durham County Board of Elections.

RECURRENCE

The Kids ‘Future Voter’ sticker contest will occur as approved by the Durham County Board of Elections.