

Why we created the contest:

Saline County has a unique history and evolving culture, one that deserves to be expressed in a way that is inclusive to all of its citizens. We are therefore looking to create a County flag and a County seal that will serve to represent all of our residents by being symbolic of who we are as a County. The Saline County Identity & Marking Committee is working together to find a flag design and a seal that will be symbolic and meaningful in its description of Saline County.

About the contest:

The contest will run for 93 days, ending at 5:00 p.m. on May 26, 2016. Each flag or seal must first be approved for appropriateness before being added into a further consideration pool (*No offensive symbols, No joke submissions, etc*).

The 93 days in which to allow local submissions are meant to depict one day for each of Nebraska's 93 counties. During these 93 days all those eligible will be able to submit their entries in various forms; chalk, pencil, water colors, paint, and digital files submitted in PDF, JPG or PNG format. Adopted design(s) will then be reproduced for final use by the Committee.

After the contest deadline is reached, a first round review¹ of the flags and/or seals will be narrowed down by the Identity & Marking Committee and thus begin a period of extended review. The Identity & Marking Committee will then select one flag design and/or one seal design to present to the Saline County Board of Commissioners for possible adoption². The winning artist(s) will receive recognition at an unveiling that will coincide with an open house dedicating the new Courthouse Addition sometime in the summer or fall of 2017.

This is the first time that the community has attempted to create a County flag and an officially adopted, universal seal. It is important to note that if the Identity & Marking Committee or the Board of Commissioners do not approve of the flag or seal designs, adoptions will be on hold.

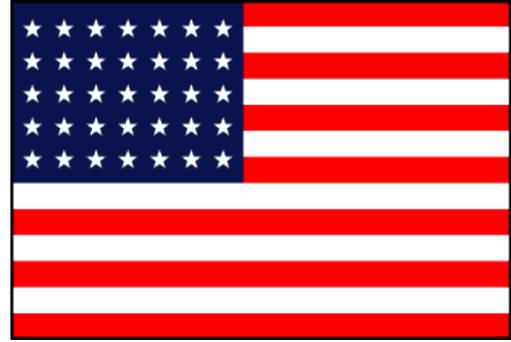
You are eligible and may submit a design if you are currently a resident of Saline County or are a fulltime student in Saline County. Information and submission forms can be found on the Saline County website at www.co.saline.ne.us/.

¹Upon completion of the first round of selections, the designs chosen for further consideration will receive an initial notice of grateful appreciation. Other rounds of public or commercial involvement may occur at the discretion of the Identity & Marking Committee.

²The Identity and Marking Committee holds in reserve any opportunity to adjoin more than one artistic element into a merged final design and then consider it as a joint submission for equal consideration.

The Guidelines for a Flag Design

- 1. Keep it Simple**
 - 1. The flag may be so simple that a child can draw it from memory...*
- 2. Use Meaningful Symbolism**
 - 1. The flag's images, colors, or patterns should relate to what it symbolizes...*
- 3. Use Limited Basic Colors**
 - 1. Limit the number of colors on the flag, which contrast well and come from the standard color set...*
- 4. No Lettering or Seals is preferred**
- 5. Be Distinctive or Be Related**
 - 1. Avoid duplicating other flags, but use similarities to show connections...*
- 6. Be packaged with a written explanation for the design elements of the flag**



Flag Example: An earlier U.S. American Flag

The Guidelines for County Seal

- 1. No Simplicity Needed**
 - 1. The Seal can incorporate a variety of art needed to tell the story in visual form*
- 2. Use Meaningful Symbolism**
- 3. Use limited Colors or simply black and white**
- 4. Be Related**
- 5. Be packaged with a written explanation for the design elements in the seal**



Seal Example: State of Nebraska

Contact Information

Please direct all inquiries to the Saline County Identity & Marking Committee via Tim McDermott at nebraskatim@gmail.com.

Provide your submission with the following participant information (*for each flag or seal design*):

Name: _____

Home Address & Zip: _____

Mailing Address & Zip if different from above: _____

Telephone 1: _____ Telephone 2: _____

Email Address: _____

Descriptive explanation of each of the design elements presented (*use separate page if needed*):

Visit our Saline County website, www.co.saline.ne.us/ for this and all other follow up information.

Email your electronic participant information along with submissions to: nebraskatim@gmail.com or...

Mail your application and submissions to:
Saline County Identity & Marking Committee
PO Box 865
Wilber, NE 68465

Deliver submissions in person to:
Saline County Courthouse – Clerk’s Office
215 S Court
Wilber, NE