

STATE OF DELAWARE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER FIFTY-ONE

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES AND
AUTHORITIES, AND ALL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND
GOVERNMENTAL UNITS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE COIN DESIGN
FOR THE DELAWARE QUARTER DOLLAR COMMEMORATIVE COIN

WHEREAS, the United States Congress approved and the President signed Public Law 105-124, the "Fifty States Commemorative Coin Program Act" (the "Act") to "honor the unique Federal republic of 50 states that comprise the United States" and "to promote the diffusion of knowledge among the youth of the United States about the individual states, their history and geography, and the rich diversity of the national heritage"; and

WHEREAS, five state quarter dollars will be issued every year beginning in 1999 in the order in which the States ratified the Constitution or were admitted into the Union; and

WHEREAS, Delaware was the first state to ratify the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Delaware will be among the first five states which coins will commemorate; and

WHEREAS, under the Act, the Governor of the State of Delaware is responsible for establishing a selection process and submitting coin concepts which are emblematic of the State of Delaware to the Citizens Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee and the Fine Arts Commission of the United States for consideration, with final approval by the Secretary of the Treasury.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS R. CARPER, by the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order that:

1. Delaware residents are hereby encouraged to submit design concepts for consideration.
2. The Delaware Arts Council is hereby assigned the responsibility for submitting coin concepts to the Governor.
3. The Council shall solicit and receive coin concepts from Delaware residents for consideration.
4. The Council shall review such coin design concepts and recommend five concepts for submission to the Governor. During this process, the Council shall:
 - (a) Give highest consideration to concepts which promote Delaware's rich heritage and recognize Delaware's historical significance as the "First State" of our nation; and

- (b) Abide by the federal design concept standards provided for in the Act, which are outlined in Attachment A to this Order; and
- (c) Abide by the state design concept standards provided for in the Act, which are outlined in Attachment B to this Order; and
- (d) Meet no later than February 28, 1998 to review the coin design concepts submitted to it; and
- (e) Consult with Delaware historians, Delaware art and design experts, members of the Delaware Heritage Commission, the Delaware Historical Society, Delaware coin experts, and Delaware residents in its review of the coin design concepts; and
- (f) Recommend five coin design concepts to me no later than February 28, 1998.



Approved this 2ND day of February, 1998

Thomas R. Carney
Governor

Attest:

Edna Paul
Secretary of State

FIFTY STATES COMMEMORATIVE COIN PROGRAM

Design Concept Parameters

Legislation

Public Law 105-124 provides for designs to be submitted in accordance with the design selection and approval process developed by the Treasury Secretary in the sole discretion of the Secretary. The law further requires that, "because it is important that the Nation's coinage and currency bear dignified designs of which the citizens of the United States can be proud, the Secretary shall not select any frivolous or inappropriate design" and "no head and shoulders portrait or bust of any person, living or dead, and no portrait of a living person may be included in the design."

Criteria

Designs shall maintain a dignity befitting the Nation's coinage.

Designs shall have broad appeal to the citizens of the State and avoid controversial subjects or symbols that are likely to offend.

Suitable subject matter for design concepts include State landmarks (natural and man-made), landscapes, historically significant buildings, symbols of State resources or industries, official State flora and fauna, State icons (e.g., Texas Lone Star, Wyoming bronco, etc.), and outlines of the State.

State flags and State seals are not considered suitable for designs.

No inscriptions should be included in the State design concept.

Consistent with the authorizing legislation, the States are encouraged to submit concepts that promote the diffusion of knowledge among the youth of the United States about the State, its history and geography, and the rich diversity of our national heritage.

Priority consideration will be given to designs and concepts that are enduring representations of the State. Coins have a commercial lifespan of at least 30 years and are collected for generations.

Inappropriate design concepts include, but are not limited to the following: logos or depictions of specific commercial, private, educational, civic, religious, sports, or other organizations whose membership or ownership is not universal.

Concepts or background materials submitted to the Mint which are covered by copyright, trademark, or other rights (such as privacy and publicity rights) must include a release acceptable to the Mint from the rights owner that allows the concept or materials to be used on the coin, in marketing and promotional materials, and on the Mint's website for unlimited worldwide distribution without charge or restriction.

Attachment B

Delaware guidelines

Fifty States Commemorative Coin Program

Eligibility:

Delaware residents of all ages are encouraged to submit coin concepts.

Criteria:

Each coin concept must be accompanied by a written description, no longer than 100 words in length, which describes the reasons for consideration of the concept; and the name, address, and daytime telephone number of the individual who submitted the coin concept.

Individuals may submit only one coin concept.

Coin Concepts must be submitted on paper no larger than 12" X 24".

No slides, film, transparencies, or 3-dimensional designs or photography will be accepted.

Coin concepts must meet the federal design concept parameters.

Deadline:

Coin Concepts must actually be received by 4:30 p.m. on February 24, 1998. Concepts post-marked that date but not received will not be accepted.

No late entries will be accepted.

Contact:

Coin Concepts should be submitted to:

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State of Delaware
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