2026-2027 Ohio DECA Pin Design Contest

Purpose: Develop a design that will be produced into trading pins for Ohio DECA at the International Career Development Conference (ICDC).

Eligibility: Any Ohio DECA student member or team of student members may enter this contest; however, each chapter may only submit **one** design.

Specifications:

1. Member or team must incorporate the annual DECA. Inc theme. "Next Big Thing"
   a. Design **must** include the words "Ohio" and "2027"
   b. The title of the national theme **does not** have to appear in the design.
   c. Designs should be in color and in any shape; there is no color limit.
   d. Designs may be one-piece, multiple pieces and/or lighted.
2. The member or team may enlist the help of others in producing a digitally created design.
3. The dimensions of the design must not exceed 2″ x 2″. It is recommended that you use 300 dpi.
4. The design MUST be saved in a .jpg format or PDF. All other formats will be **DISQUALIFIED.**
5. Contestant's name may *not* appear anywhere on design or output.

Copyright:

- **All images must be licensed for commercial use and be accompanied by a works cited page.**
- All written and design materials must follow the **DECA Inc. Brand Guide** in proper use of the DECA logo, organization name, etc. They must also adhere to all copyright and fair use guidelines.
- **No registered trademarks or names may be used in accordance with DECA Inc.'s policy to comply with all state and federal copyright laws.** Although a work may be freely accessible on the Internet and contain no statement of copyright, copyright law provides that such works are protect. Contestants must assume that works are protected. Contestants must assume that works are protected by copyright until they learn otherwise. **Contestants will be disqualified for copyright violations.**

Entry Information: A digital copy of the design (.jpg) and Works Cited must be submitted through the **online submission form** **by October 30th, 2026 @ 5:00PM**.

- No changes can be made to the design after submission.
- Submitted designs become the property of Ohio DECA (the winning pin may be modified or adapted when produced by Ohio DECA.)

Selection:

- Online voting for submitted and approved designs will take place **November 9th - 13th , 2026** (one vote per registered student member.)
- The winning design will be announced at the Ohio DECA State Career Development Conference.
- The winning design member or team's chapter will be awarded a $75 prize.

2026-2027 Ohio DECA T-Shirt Design Contest

Purpose: Design a souvenir T-Shirt for the Ohio DECA Career Development Conference (CDC).

Eligibility: Any Ohio DECA student member or team of student members may enter this contest; however, each chapter may only submit **one** design.

Specifications:

1. The design can be in any color(s) and any shape but **must** include the works "Ohio DECA" and "2027".
    a. The design submission must specific the color of t-shirt.
2. The member or team may enlist the help of others in producing a digitally created design.
3. The dimensions of the design must not exceed 8″ x 10″. It is recommended that you use 300 dpi.
4. The design **MUST** be saved in a JPEG (.jpg) format, all other formats will be **disqualified.**
5. Contestant's name(s) **may not** appear anywhere on the design.

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