

Design a custom pin that represents the spirit, mission, or identity of Idaho DECA! Your design could be turned into a real enamel pin!

Deadline

Sigh up by **July 30, 2025**



Out-of-town entries

Mail to Idaho DECA by Aug. 15, 2025

No late entries accepted.

All others

Drop off at fairgrounds Aug. 23, 8–10:30 a.m. to get your fair entry ticket



Requirements

- Theme: Should reflect Idaho DECA
- Size: Final design must be scalable to approx. 1.25-1.5 inches
- **Colors:** Max 6 solid colors (no gradients)
 - Line Work: Bold, clean lines; all text should be legible at small scale
 - **Format:** Fair submissions must be printed on 8.5 x11 paper and mounted to a black foam core board that is 9.5 x 12
 - Submission must be in one of these formats: high-resolution PNG, JPG, or PDF
 - Optional: Include ideas for glitter, movement, or unique features

Rules

- Only one entry per person
- Work must be original
- All designs become the property of Idaho DECA for promotional use

Must include

- Your full name and contact info
- A title for your design
- Short explanation (50–100 words) of the symbolism or meaning
- Clear printed version of your design (hand-drawn or digital)

POINTS









| CRITERIA | EXCELLENT | GOOD | FAIR | POOR |
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| Creativity and originality | Unique, imaginative concept that stands out and feels fresh. | Creative idea with some original touches. | Somewhat derivative; lacks originality. | Uninspired or copied design. |
| Visual appeal | Eye-catching, well- composed, and aesthetically pleasing. | Looks good with minor design inconsistencies. | Appealing but feels unbalanced or visually cluttered. | Visually unappealing or messy. |
| Concept and meaning | Clear theme or message that resonates or tells a story. | Thematic idea is mostly clear and meaningful. | Theme is weak or ambiguous. | No clear theme, story, or concept. |
| Design for production | Practical for pin production (size, line thickness, color separation, etc.). | Mostly suitable for production with minor adjustments needed. | Some production issues (e.g. too detailed, poor contrast). | Not feasible to manufacture as a pin. |
| Use of color | Excellent palette, great contrast, and harmony. | Good color choices, a few areas could be improved. | Acceptable colors, but not very cohesive or appealing | Poor or clashing color choices. |
| Line work and clarity | Crisp, clean lines; easy to interpret even at small scale. | Mostly clean, minor clarity issues. | Lines are rough or lose detail at pin size. | Messy or unclear lines. |
| Original execution | Shows effort, skill, and attention to detail in digital or hand-drawn execution. | Good execution with some polish. | Average effort or skill; could use refinement. | Sloppy, rushed, or low-effort execution. |
| Wow factor | Truly memorable; would make people want to wear or collect it. | Interesting and likable. | Mild impact; doesn't leave much impression. | Forgettable or confusing. |



Judging criteria

| CATEGORY | POINTS |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Creativity and originality | 10 |
| Visual appeal | 10 |
| Concept and meaning | 10 |
| Design for production | 10 |
| Use of color | 10 |
| Line work and clarity | 10 |
| Original execution | 10 |
| Wow factor | 10 |
| Total | 80 |

Prizes and recognition

- Winning design may be produced as an enamel pin
- Potential placement at the Western Idaho State Fair
- Recognition at DECA State Leadership Conference





Create a video answering "Why DECA?" Share your journey, show DECA's impact on your life, and inspire others to join using your story and voice.

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Requirements

- Length: 1 to 2 minutes
- Content: Must include:
- Why you joined DECA
- · How DECA has impacted you personally and professionally
- Why you think others should join
- **Tone:** Positive, authentic, and reflective
 - **Format:** MP4 or YouTube/Vimeo link
 - Credits: Include your name, school/chapter name at the end

Reminders

- Keep it school-appropriate
- Speak clearly and confidently
- Be yourself! Genuine stories make the strongest impact

Ideas to include

- Favorite DECA memory or event
- Leadership opportunities you've had
- Skills you've developed
- Friendships or connections you've made
- Career inspiration or goals

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| Personal impact and reflection | Clearly and powerfully explains how DECA has impacted the student's growth and goals. | Personal story is present and relevant, though not deeply explored. | Some personal impact mentioned but not well developed. | Little to no reflection on personal experience. |
| Persuasiveness | Strong, genuine encouragement for others to join DECA; compelling and inspiring. | Encourages others to join with decent support. | Message is somewhat persuasive, lacks strong reasons. | Weak or unclear encouragement to join. |
| Clarity of message | Central message is clear, focused, and well-articulated. | Message is understandable, with minor clarity issues. | Message is somewhat scattered or vague. | Difficult to understand or lacks focus. |
| Enthusiasm and passion | Shows strong energy and authentic passion for DECA. | Generally enthusiastic and positive. | Slightly flat or rehearsed delivery. | Little emotion or connection to the topic. |
| Structure and organization | Well-structured intro, body, and conclusion; smooth flow. | Mostly organized with clear progression. | Choppy or uneven structure. | Disorganized or confusing. |
| Creativity and presentation | Creative, original approach that reflects the student's personality or vision. | Some creative elements used effectively. | Minimal creativity; standard approach. | Lacks creativity or effort in presentation. |
| Audio and video quality | Clear visuals and audio; easy to hear and see. | Mostly good quality with a few distractions. | Some issues with clarity or background noise. | Poor audio/video makes content hard to follow. |
| Length and timing | 1-2 minutes; concise and effective. | Within or close to time frame. | Slightly too short or long; may feel rushed or drawn out. | Too short or too long; lacks time awareness. |
| Language and delivery | Confident, polished delivery with clear voice and appropriate tone. | Mostly confident; some filler or awkward pauses. | Uneven delivery; unclear or monotone. | Unclear, rushed, or disengaged speaking. |



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| Clarity of message | 10 |
| Enthusiasm and passion | 10 |
| Structure and organization | 10 |
| Creativity and presentation | 10 |
| Audio and video quality | 10 |
| Timing | 10 |
| Language and delivery | 10 |
| Total | 90 |



Prizes and recognition

• Potential placement at the Western Idaho State Fair

Your story matters.

Let your DECA "Why" be someone else's "Why join?





Design a visually engaging poster showcasing your chapter's impact through events, service, achievements, and creativity in school and the community. Highlight how you stay active and involved.

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- Size: Standard poster board (22"x28") mounted on black foam core boards for displaying.
 - **Title** must include your Chapter Name and School Name
- Showcase at least 3 major activities or accomplishments
- Include photos, visuals, or graphics to illustrate your chapter's engagement
- Must be neat, organized, and easy to read from a distance
- Optional: QR code or link to chapter website, video, or social media

Reminders

- Be respectful of all individuals and events featured
- Avoid copyrighted images unless you have permission

Suggestions

- Community service projects
- Fundraising events
- Member accomplishments or recognitions
- Competitive events or conferences attended
- Health promotion or advocacy activities
- Creative displays or chapter spirit days

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| Visual appeal and design | Eye-catching, clean, and professional; great layout, balance, and use of color. | Attractive with good design elements and effort shown. | Some visual interest, but cluttered or under-designed. | Lacks visual appeal; messy or poorly constructed. |
| Clarity and organization | Information is clearly arranged and easy to follow; excellent flow. | Mostly organized with minor clarity issues. | Some sections unclear or poorly grouped. | Disorganized or difficult to follow. |
| Content quality | Highlights a wide range of chapter events, involvement, and activities with detail. | Shows several chapter activities; may lack depth in some areas. | Includes limited or general info on chapter involvement. | Very few events or engagement examples included. |
| Creativity and originality | Creative presentation that reflects the chapter's unique personality. | Some creative elements are present. | Minimal creativity or originality. | Generic; lacks effort or unique touches. |
| DECA spirit and branding | Clearly reflects DECA values, mission, and spirit; uses logos/ colors appropriately. | Mostly consistent with DECA branding and spirit. | Some DECA references but inconsistent or minimal. | Lacks clear connection to DECA identity. |
| Accuracy and relevance | All information is accurate, relevant, and well-integrated. | Mostly accurate; a few minor errors or outdated items. | Some inaccuracies or vague information. | Contains errors or irrelevant content. |
| Effort and completeness | Poster is complete, polished, and goes above basic expectations. | Good effort and mostly complete. | Basic effort or missing minor elements. | Incomplete or rushed. |
| Call to action or impact | Strong message that inspires involvement, pride, or interest in the chapter. | Includes a message, but less impactful. | Weak or unclear takeaway or message. | No clear message or purpose. |



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