



GRAYS HARBOR TRANSIT

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Grays Harbor Transit Bus Art Contest Official Rules and Terms & Conditions

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1. Sponsor and Purpose

The America 250 Bus Art Contest (“Contest”) is sponsored by Grays Harbor Transit (GHT). The Contest is conducted as part of GHT’s public marketing and community engagement efforts to promote public transportation and celebrate the 250th anniversary of American Independence.

2. Eligibility

- The Contest is open to all individuals who at the time of entry reside in Grays Harbor County and are under the age of eighteen (18).
- Employees of GHT, members of the GHT Board of Directors, and their immediate family members or household are not eligible to participate.
- Participants under the age of eighteen (18) must obtain parental or legal guardian consent to participate, receive prizes, and grant the rights described herein.
- There is no purchase necessary to enter or to win. Participants are under no obligation to purchase any products or services to participate in the contest.

3. Contest Theme

Art submissions should represent themes in connection with America 250 celebrations, such as the “Spirit of 1776”, 250 years of American history, classic American iconography, or other creative expressions evoking themes associated with American independence celebrations.

4. Submission Period and Entry Requirements

- The Contest opens March 23, 2026, and closes May 25, 2026, at 11:59pm Pacific Time.
- Each participant may submit one (1) original design.
- Designs must be created using the official bus outline template available at ghtransit.com/contest.
- Entries must be submitted electronically through **ghtransit.com/contest**, mailed to GHT's Operation and Maintenance Facility (705 30th Street, Hoquiam, WA 98550) or emailed to elint@ghtransit.com and received before the submission deadline.
- Submissions must be original works created solely by the participant and must not have been previously published or commercially used.
- All qualified submissions will be posted for viewing publicly on the GHT website after the submission deadline and before selection of winners. Submissions may be displayed in other areas as appropriate.

5. Content Restrictions

Entries must not include material that:

- Infringes or violates any third party's copyright, trademark, privacy, publicity, or other legal rights;
- Contains defamatory, obscene, sexually explicit, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate content for a family-friendly public transportation setting;
- Promotes discrimination, hatred, or harm against any individual or group;
- Advertises, promotes, or depicts alcohol, tobacco, vaping, illegal drugs, or illegal activity;
- Depicts weapons or acts of violence, except for historically accurate items from the Revolutionary era;
- Promotes, endorses, or depicts gang activity, cults, or occult activity.
- Overall, entries must not include content that is reasonably likely to disrupt GHT operations, compromise rider safety or comfort, provoke hostility or disorder within the transit system, or impair GHT's ability to provide neutral, inclusive public transportation services to the community.
- Given that submissions must be original works by the artist, entries determined by the evaluation committee to be the product of artificial intelligence (AI) tools may be rejected from consideration.

GHT reserves the sole and final discretion to determine compliance with these standards. All decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

6. Selection of Winners

Two (2) winning designs will be selected as follows:

1. Judges' Selection – Winners will be selected by a panel of art and subject matter experts or other community volunteers designated by GHT.
2. Board or Manager Selection – In the event that the judges panel is not able to make a selection for any reason, the GHT Board of Directors or GHT General Manager will select winners at or before the board meeting scheduled for June 9, 2026.

GHT will notify the final winners as selected and announced to the public before June 15, 2026. All decisions of GHT are final and binding.

7. Prizes

- Each winning participant will receive a \$250.00 check prize.
- Winning designs will be displayed on GHT buses from around June 10, 2026, through September 30, 2026, with artist credit, for and in adequate consideration for the check prize.
- Winners will be invited to a small award ceremony and may take photographs with their work once the graphics are ready on the bus on a date to be determined in June or July 2026.
- Prizes are not transferable.
- Winners are solely responsible for any federal, state, or local taxes associated with prize receipt. GHT may require completion of tax forms (including IRS Form W-9) before payment.

8. Rights Granted

- By submitting an entry, participants (and parents or legal guardians as applicable) grant GHT a non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty-free, worldwide license to use, reproduce, adapt, modify, crop, resize, color-adjust, and otherwise prepare derivative works from the artwork; to display, distribute, and publicly perform the artwork; and to incorporate the artwork, in whole or in part, into bus wraps, promotional materials, digital media, reports, and other WATA communications, in any media now known or later developed.

- This license includes the right for GHT to permit third-party vendors and contractors to use the artwork solely for purposes related to production, installation, display, and promotion on GHT's behalf.
- Participants retain ownership of their artwork and waive any right to inspect or approve the finished use of the artwork, to the extent permitted by law.
- GHT does not guarantee the duration, placement, or frequency of display of any winning design and reserves the right to remove or replace artwork at any time for operational, safety, or programmatic reasons.

9. Representations and Indemnification

Participants represent and warrant that their submission is original, that they own all rights in the submission, and that the submission does not infringe or violate the intellectual property, privacy, publicity, or other rights of any third party.

Participants (and parents or legal guardians, if applicable) agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless GHT, its officers, employees, agents, and contractors from and against any claims, damages, losses, liabilities, costs, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of or related to any breach of these representations and warranties or GHT's authorized use of the submission.

These obligations shall survive the conclusion of the Contest and any use of the submission by GHT.

10. General Conditions

- GHT reserves the right to cancel, suspend, modify, or terminate the Contest if circumstances beyond its control compromise the integrity, fairness, or administration of the Contest.
- GHT reserves the right to disqualify any participant or submission that violates these Official Rules, tampers with the entry or voting process, or otherwise acts in a manner inconsistent with the spirit of the Contest.
- All determinations by GHT regarding eligibility, rule interpretation, and winner selection are final and binding. In the event of a tie or insufficient number of qualified entries, GHT reserves the right to determine winners or withhold awards in its discretion.
- Participation in the Contest does not create an employment relationship, independent contractor relationship, or procurement relationship between any participant and GHT.

- GHT is not responsible for lost, late, incomplete, misdirected, or technically corrupted entries, votes, or communications.
- To the extent permitted by law, GHT's total liability arising out of or relating to the Contest shall not exceed the value of the prize awarded to the participant.
- Submissions and related materials may be subject to disclosure under the Washington Public Records Act, and confidentiality cannot be guaranteed.
- GHT reserves the right to make reasonable accommodation or adjustments to the Contest process as necessary to ensure accessibility and equitable participation, consistent with applicable law.
- GHT reserves the right to monitor, review, and invalidate votes it determines, in its sole discretion, to be the result of automated activity, manipulation, or conduct inconsistent with the fair administration of the Contest.
- Participation in the Contest constitutes full and unconditional acceptance of these Official Rules.

11. Privacy

Personal information collected will be used solely for administering the Contest and in accordance with applicable law.

12. Governing Law

The Contest is governed by the laws of the State of Washington.

13. Contact Information

For questions, contact:

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