

**6290.0400 DESIGN STANDARDS.**

Subpart 1. **Eligible species.** The eligible species for migratory waterfowl and trout and salmon contests shall be specified in the contest application package. The eligible species for the pheasant stamp is the ring-necked pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*). The eligible species for the wild turkey stamp is the Eastern wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo silvestris*). The eligible species for the walleye stamp is the walleye (*Sander vitreus vitreus*). The eligible species should be the primary subject of the contest entry. A contest entry may contain species other than the eligible species as accompanying design elements.

Subp. 2. **Background of contest entry.** The background or setting of a contest entry shall only represent environments found in Minnesota. Design elements in a contest entry should be accurately portrayed as to ecology and anatomy, although they need not be literal renditions.

Subp. 3. **Contest entry media and originality.** A contest entry may be created in one or a combination of media. A contest entry shall be an original work of art created by the person submitting the contest entry and shall be one of a kind design. Entries shall not be created by photographic, digital, or electronic imagery processes.

Subp. 4. **Contest entry design size.** The design size of a contest entry shall be two-dimensional on a horizontal format nine inches in width and 6-1/2 inches in height. Winning contest entries must produce a quality stamp image.

Subp. 5. **Matting requirements.** A contest entry shall be firmly attached to solid white matting with dimensions of 12 inches in width and nine inches in height. No other color shall be used for matting.

Subp. 6. **Contest entry thickness.** A contest entry shall not exceed three-eighths inch in thickness, including matting.

Subp. 7. **Covering of contest entry.** A contest entry shall not be framed or covered by glass or other material.

Subp. 8. **Ineligible contest entry.** A contest entry shall be ineligible if:

- A. it is signed, lettered, or contains any mark identifying the artist on its front;
- B. it has won first place in another stamp contest, whether federal, state, or private; or
- C. it does not meet the requirements contained in parts 6290.0100 to 6290.0800.

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