

# USS ILLINOIS SHIP'S CREST DESIGN AWARD (UISCD) CONTEST RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

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**Summary** The USS Illinois Ship's Crest Design Award (UISCD) is presented for the first time to Illinois high school students who have demonstrated exemplary artistic ability and submitted a design that is a true representation of the State of Illinois, the new nuclear submarine USS Illinois, its crew, and its leadership. The award is intended to recognize a young person whose design reflects an understanding of the USS Illinois (SSN-786), a Virginia-class submarine and the commitment of its crew to the principles of democracy and peace through strength.

**Eligibility** Potential honorees must be residents of Illinois and must be enrolled as student in a public or private Illinois high school during the 2014 – 2015 school year. The USS Illinois Ship's Crest Design (UISCD) must be submitted on the official Submission Form and signed by **one** faculty member (e.g., art teachers, government or social studies, counselors, school administrators, etc.) of the high school the student attends, who has direct knowledge of the student's eligibility.

Submissions for the USS Illinois Ship's Crest Design will be solicited from public and private high schools throughout the state. A downloadable .pdf of this form and the contest Submission Form will be available through the website of the Navy League at [www.AuroraNavyLeague.org](http://www.AuroraNavyLeague.org).

**Selection** Design submissions will be evaluated by a panel of judges (appointed by the USS Illinois Commissioning Committee), which will select five (5) finalists. Out of the five finalists one overall first place winner will be selected by the crew of the USS Illinois.

All UISCD's submissions will become property of the USS Illinois Commissioning Committee and the five finalists submissions will become the property of the United States Navy.

**Criteria** Designs submissions will be judged on their artistic interpretation and creativity. The UISCD is intended to honor a student whose design has depicted the State of Illinois and its sponsorship, as well as the USS Illinois and its crew.

Examples of the factors by which submissions for the UISCD will be evaluated may include the degree to which they have:

- Utilized a color scheme that is attractive and reflects colors used by the State of Illinois and its agencies/components
- Incorporated design elements that reflect the military capabilities of the USS Illinois

- Signified that Illinois is the 21st State in some creative way
- Incorporated the Trident reference to Virginia class submarines, of which the USS Illinois is the 13<sup>th</sup> in the Class
- Referred to the submarine, the submarine force, and other well known icons from Illinois (the crest MUST HAVE submarine dolphin insignia, an outline of a nuclear submarine, and a star included—the star signifies that an earlier naval ship was named “USS Illinois”, in this case the World War II battleship BB-7)
- See attached examples of other actual ship’s crest
- For more examples of actual submarine ship crests google “submarine ship’s crests” ; also google “submarine dolphin insignia” to see what these insignia look like; the website [www. Mackinweb.net/wp3/?p=18](http://www.Mackinweb.net/wp3/?p=18) also contains information on recently completed, or under construction, Virginia Class submarines

***Timeline***      **Designs must be submitted via email or regular mail to the Union League Club of Chicago, Public Affairs Office, 65 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604, [publicaffairs@ulcc.org](mailto:publicaffairs@ulcc.org) and must be postmarked or submitted by Monday, December 1, 2014; if submitted by email, designs must be received by 5:00 p.m. on December 1, 2014.** Submissions will be judged impartially and without regard to geographic location or type of high school within the State of Illinois. (For complete submission rules, please see the UISCDC Submission Form.)

All submissions will be reviewed and the first place winner and the four other finalists will be announced by Wednesday, December 31. All finalists and including the 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner will be notified personally no later than Wednesday, December 31.

***Awards***      The 1<sup>st</sup> Place UISCDC winner will receive a complimentary round trip and hotel accommodations to be honored at the *USS Illinois (SSN-786)* Commissioning Ceremony along with his/her parent(s) or guardian(s). This is an all-day event to be held about December 2015 or January 2016 (depending on construction schedule delays).

All five finalists will receive a formal Certificate of Recognition for his/her design, as well as an official ship’s plaque that contains the final ship’s crest. This Certificate of Recognition will be sent directly to the student’s School Principal following final determination of the award. An invitation will be offered from Captain Jesse Porter, USN, Commanding officer of the USS Illinois to attend the Commissioning Ceremony which includes a guided tour of this brand new nuclear submarine. Travel and accommodations are the responsibility of the four remaining finalists.

***For any further information contact the ULC Public Affairs Office at [publicaffairs@ulcc.org](mailto:publicaffairs@ulcc.org) or 312-435-5946***

Actual Ship Crests

