

Happy Valentine's Day! Color and share your heartfelt flag with @wichitaflag.

#ILoveWichita because _____

YOUR WICHITA FLAG

PRIDE

Why do you love Wichita?

Color the flag and fill in the blank line on the front of this sheet.

You can share your coloring sheet and why you love Wichita with @wichitaflag on

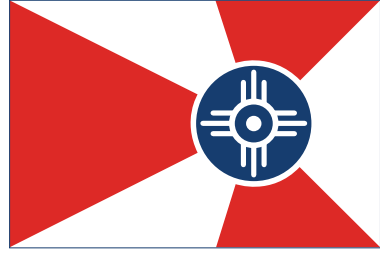


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SYMBOLISM



Our flag design has special meaning. The designer, Cecil McAlister, used colors and symbols to represent what he loved about Wichita.

- Red stripes = **virtue** and **honor**

- White stripes = **courage**

- Red and white stripes = **rays**

- of light** and **freedom to come**

- and go**

- Blue center sun = **happiness** and **faithfulness**

- White Native American design

- (hogan) = **permanent home**

HISTORY



- Designed by local artist Cecil McAlister in

- a 1937 city flag

- contest staged by the American Legion with a cash prize from the Rotary Club

- Officially adopted on June 14, 1937 (Flag Day)

- Wichitan Mary J. Harper sewed

- the first 6-foot by 9-foot Wichita flag from silk.

- First flown on July 23, 1937, over

- the City Building, which was then located at 204 S. Main St.