

Paint the Plow—Indiana Department of Transportation – Fort Wayne District



INDOT Fort Wayne District - *Paint the Plow* Application

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's email: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of School Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the FIRST and LAST page of the application and email to Nichole Thomas at [nhachathomas@indot.in.gov](mailto:nhachathomas@indot.in.gov). **Applications are due March 15.** For more information, contact Nichole Thomas at 260.969.8219.

# Information, Terms and Conditions

## Description

**Paint the Plow** is a community outreach program in which high school art classes/programs within the INDOT Fort Wayne District are invited to paint an INDOT snow plow blade with original artwork to represent their individual school. In addition to being seen in full service during the winter weather months, the blades will be used at events within the school's community to enhance public awareness, promote safety and foster greater appreciation of both INDOT and the school's art program.

## Schedule

The specific arrangement for the days and times to deliver and pick up the blades will be coordinated between the school host (teacher) and INDOT's Communications team.

***Before the plow is delivered please carefully consider the location where you'll keep the plow while working on your design. The plow measures 12 feet long by 4 feet high. It is recommended to keep the plow inside or under a structure and that you measure the entryway prior to delivery.***

## Participants

- Paint the Plow is open to all middle and high schools, career-technical schools and colleges in Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Elkhart, Grant, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Miami, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells and Whitley counties. Consideration will also be given to schools in Blackford, Fulton, and Jay counties, as portions of these counties are located within the district boundaries.
- Only students who are **currently enrolled** in the applicant school and complete the release and waiver of liability form may participate in the creation, execution and completion of the art project.

## Theme

- There is no specific theme for entries. Students are encouraged to create designs based on the themes of patriotism, the State of Indiana, driving safety and/or winter weather safety.
- Students are encouraged to incorporate school logo, emblem or mascot into the design.
- Artwork must be original and in good taste; anything deemed inappropriate will be excluded. **ALL designs must be submitted for approval one week prior to the plow being delivered.**
- *Designs incorporating movie, television, cartoon or any other characters or depictions from entertainment media should not be used due to copyright infringement.*
- Only non-partisan, non-political, and non-religious designs will be accepted.

## Provisions

- INDOT will deliver a clean, primed plow blade measuring approximately 12 feet long and 4 feet high, to a secure location at the school as specified by the host teacher.
- Plow blades may not be removed from the specified location on the school's premises.
- Plow blades cannot be modified with the addition of extra materials or ornaments.
- Selection of paint materials to be used will be the decision of the students and faculty. However, consideration should be given to durable, enamel paints that will provide longer and better coverage.
- In order to keep the contest schedule, **the latest INDOT will pick up plows will be May 15.**
- **INDOT does not provide financial assistance for supplies, materials or other items associated with this program. All costs associated with participating are the responsibility of the school/class.**
- **Each school will be required to sign a hold harmless agreement.**
- **Each participant will be required to sign a release and waiver of liability form.**

## Competition, Display and Promotion

- Photos from the contest will be displayed on INDOT's social media platforms: Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
- All plow blades will be made available for display at other events within their respective county as requested and upon availability.
- All media outlets will be notified and given the opportunity for coverage. A press release and photo will also be released to these media outlets as well, and other forms of recognition will be made locally.

## Additional Information

- The expectation is that the design on plow blades will wear away once the blades are put into service for winter operations.
- Typically, plow blades are in service during the winter-weather months, or from mid to late November to late March.
- While INDOT will attempt to display plow blades as requested at various events prior to their use during the snow and ice season, it should be understood that not all requests can or may be accommodated.

**PAINT THE PLOW PROGRAM  
HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, this agreement is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, between the Indiana Department of Transportation (“INDOT”), Fort Wayne District and the \_\_\_\_\_ School in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana, through INDOT, owns and manages a snow plowing fleet; and

WHEREAS, in the interests of enhancing public awareness, promoting safety and engaging in community outreach, INDOT invites high school art classes/programs and career-technical schools within the INDOT Fort Wayne District to paint an INDOT snow plow blade (known as the Paint the Plow Program and hereinafter referred to as the “Program”); and

WHEREAS, the \_\_\_\_\_ School, through \_\_\_\_\_, its Staff Member, has requested permission to participate in the Program;

NOW THEREFORE, INDOT hereby grants permission for the \_\_\_\_\_ School to enter upon and paint the snow plow blade provided the following conditions are met:

1. Each participant, including, but not limited to, school administrators, personnel, teachers, students, and parents, engaged in the Program must sign a release and waiver of liability form.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ School shall hold the State of Indiana, INDOT, INDOT Fort Wayne District Office, their officers, employees and agents harmless and at no time shall the State of Indiana, INDOT, INDOT Fort Wayne District Office, their officers, employees and agents be liable for any damages or injury to person or property that arise during the time of or are the result of the Program engaged in by the \_\_\_\_\_ School, its administrators, personnel, teachers, students and parents.
3. During the Program, no persons other than Program participants who signed a release and waiver of liability form shall be allowed on the snow plow blade.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name Title Date  
\_\_\_\_\_ School

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
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INDOT, Fort Wayne District Office