

Official Contest Rules



1. Eligibility

- Open to all individuals.
- No purchase or payment of any kind is necessary to enter or win.
- Employees, contractors, or immediate family members of the Azalea Festival are not eligible.

2. Entry Guidelines

- Each participant may submit one original artwork design.
- All entries must be submitted by August 1, 2025.
- Entries must be submitted via email to info@ncazaleafestival.org with the subject line: *Pin Artwork Design Contest Submission*. Please include your name, age, phone number, and address in body of email.
- Artwork should be designed with the intention of being reproduced on a small-scale pin.

3. Artwork Requirements

- Artwork must be **original** and not infringe on any third-party rights (including copyright, trademark, etc.).
- Acceptable file formats: PNG, JPEG, or PDF
- Size/Resolution: [e.g., minimum 300 DPI, maximum file size 10MB].
- Artwork must be **circular**, include the year "**2026**," and the text "**North Carolina Azalea Festival.**"
- No offensive, defamatory, or inappropriate content is allowed.

4. Selection and Judging

- One winner will be selected by a panel of judges appointed by the Azalea Festival.
- Judging criteria may include originality, visual appeal, relevance to the Azalea Festival and Wilmington, and feasibility for pin production.
- The Azalea Festival reserves the right not to select a winner if no submissions meet the required standards.

5. Ownership and Rights

- By submitting an entry, participants agree that:
 - The **winning artwork** becomes the **exclusive property** of the Azalea Festival.
 - The Azalea Festival retains **all rights in perpetuity** to modify, reproduce, distribute, and display the winning artwork without further compensation or permission.
 - **Non-winning entries** remain the property of the artist, but the Azalea Festival will not use or reproduce them.

6. Notification and Prize

- The winner will be notified via email by **August 11, 2025**.
- Prize: The winner will receive a **\$250 cash prize** as well as **recognition at 2026 Festival event** (details to be determined).
- The winning artwork will be produced as the official **2026 Pin Pals commemorative pin**.
 - Pins are sold as a Festival fundraiser.
 - No portion of pin sales or sponsorships will be shared with the artist.

7. Disclaimers

- The Azalea Festival is not responsible for technical issues that may prevent entry submission.
- By entering, participants agree to comply with these rules and accept all decisions made by the Festival and judging panel as final.

8. Agreement

- Submission of artwork constitutes agreement to all terms outlined in these official rules.