



The stamp selection process

The Postal Service welcomes written suggestions for stamp subjects that help portray the diversity of the American experience for a worldwide audience. Any proposal that meets established guidelines will be considered. If you are interested in submitting an idea, you should:

1. Carefully consider the guidelines for appropriate stamp subjects (see [What are the criteria for stamp subjects?](#))
2. Mail your suggestion to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee at the address below. (No in-person appeals are accepted.) Due to the time required for research and approval, ideas for stamp subjects should be received at least three years prior to proposed issuance. Each submission should include pertinent historical information and important dates associated with the subject.

Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 3300
Washington, DC 20260-3501

Once the suggestion is received, the following occurs:

1. Stamp Development (the office within the Postal Service that manages the stamp design process and coordinates with CSAC) sends an acknowledgement that the proposal was received.
2. Stamp Development evaluates and researches the submission as necessary to ensure that the proposed subject meets the criteria.
3. The subject is placed before CSAC, and the committee takes one of two actions:
 - a. it does not recommend the subject, or
 - b. it holds the subject for future consideration
4. Working in advance, CSAC submits recommendations to the Postmaster General.
5. The Postmaster General ultimately approves the subjects and designs for all U.S. postage stamps and postal stationery. (Unfortunately, due to the length and complexity of the process, the Postal Service cannot notify the proponent if a subject is chosen.)
6. No credit or compensation is given for the submission of a stamp subject that is selected.