



#### What is a skimmer?

A skimmer is an electronic device that records the number on a credit card or bank card when swiped.

#### Protect yourself from skimmer fraud

Consumers should consider using their debit/credit cards as a credit card at the gas pump.

Please check your bank statements regularly.

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*Our current skimmer seal is in need of a refresh. Will you help us out?*



## Credit Card Skimmer Seal – 2026 DESIGN CONTEST



*Open to all Seventh through Twelfth Grade Students in Franklin County.*

The Skimmer Seal Design contest is sponsored by the Franklin County Auditor's Office to help promote consumer protection. One of the responsibilities of the Auditor's office is to serve as the Sealer of Weights & Measures for businesses in Franklin County, excluding those located in the City of Columbus. The Skimmer Seal signifies that a member of the Auditor's Office has tested the respective device, and it has passed inspection.

### CONTEST RULES

- Qualifying artists are 7-12 grade level students either enrolled in a school located within Franklin County, Ohio or homeschooled in Franklin County, Ohio.
- The entry must be a design completed by the qualifying artist.
- Designs may be hand-drawn, painted, mixed-media or digitally created... let your imagination fly!
- Design must fit on a 2.8" x 2.1" (Width x Height) field on the seal.
- All entries, along with a completed Official Submission Form, must be received by the Auditor's office no later than Monday, March 2, 2026.
- Entries can be submitted in one of three ways:
  1. Mail to Franklin County Auditor, Weights & Measures, 373 S High St., 21st Floor, Columbus, OH 43215
  2. Delivered in person to the office at the address above.
  3. Emailed to [consumer@franklincountyohio.gov](mailto:consumer@franklincountyohio.gov) as a JPG, PNG, or PDF image file.
- A panel will be selected to judge the submitted entries, from which one selected winner will have their design recognized and featured on the 2026 Seal utilized by the Auditor's Office to seal inspected devices.
- The winner will receive an award certificate and have their design featured on the 2026 Weights & Measures credit card skimmer seal.
- The winner will be notified of the recognition by Monday, March 9, 2026, and an award presentation at a local gas station will be coordinated with the winner's family, the respective station, and the Auditor.
- Employees of the Franklin County Auditor's Office and their immediate family members are ineligible to participate in the contest.



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### OFFICIAL SUBMISSION FORM

- Create a design for the 2026 Seal to be used to certify inspected devices throughout Franklin County.
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- Please send both the image and official submission below in one of four ways:
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  2. Delivered in person to the office at the address above.
  3. Emailed to [consumer@franklincountyohio.gov](mailto:consumer@franklincountyohio.gov) as a JPG, PNG, or PDF image file.

Artist Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_



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\*\*\*Please note, entries will not be accepted without a completed Official Submission Form.\*\*\*