



In 2006, Mayor Tony Roswarski asked the Mayor's Youth Council to design **A FLAG FOR LAFAYETTE**. After months of studying Lafayette history, researching flags, learning about graphic design, and developing many flag prototypes, the Youth Council's final design was officially adopted by the City Council on April 9, 2007.

The Youth Council believes that this proposed flag represents both the history and future of Lafayette and hopes it will **identify, unify, and inspire** the citizens of Lafayette for generations to come.

The Mayor's Youth Council is a select group of high school students invited by the Mayor each year to **learn** about Lafayette city government, **volunteer** in community organizations, **advise** the Mayor on youth-related issues, and **participate** in special events and projects as requested by the Mayor.

A FLAG for LAFAYETTE

THE COLORS

- **Red, white, blue and gold** represent our connection to the **State of Indiana** and to the **United States of America**.
- **Red** reminds us of **blood** and the **sacrifice** and **courage** of early settlers.
- **White** stands for the **purity, peace and integrity** of Lafayette as the **center of government** for Tippecanoe County.
- **Blue** is the color of **water** and symbolizes Lafayette's history as a **river town**.
- **Gold** not only represents the **awards** bestowed upon Lafayette throughout its history, but also is the **color of corn**, an early crop shipped on the Wabash River by flatboats and a crop still significant to Lafayette's economy today.



THE SYMBOLS

- **The star**, strategically placed in the canton area, a flag's point of honor, signifies Lafayette's historical designation as **The Star City of the Wabash**. The points of the star represent the many **arms of citizens** who continue to reach out and contribute to the success of our city.
- **The strong curved blue line** anchors the entire flag design and represents the **Wabash River**, a major influence on the founding and growth of the city.
- **The triangles** symbolize **balance, stability, and diversity** and also are tied to the mathematical symbol **delta**, representing **change**. With the two red triangles strategically placed in opposite corners of the flag, diversity and change are balanced and connected by the flowing river, symbolizing that **all citizens may find their place in our city**.



2007 Mayor's Youth Council

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