



Porchfest T-Shirt Rules & Submission Guidelines

We're so glad you're here. This is an open call to create something meaningful, something wearable, something that becomes part of Porchfest 2026. We know we're asking for a lot—but that's because Porchfest is a lot. And if you've felt it, you get it.

Important Dates

- **Submission Deadline:** *April 30, 2026*
- **Community + Board Voting:** Immediately following submission close
- **Winner Notified:** *May 3, 2026*

The selected artist will coordinate directly with **John “Supes” Skvarla** at **Superfly Screenprinting (Sea Cliff)** to be part of the printing process, bringing the design to life in the studio.

What You're Creating

The winning design will be featured on:

- Official **Porchfest 2026 t-shirts**
- Event **posters + merchandise**
- Worn by performers, neighbors, and visitors all over town

General Guidelines

Your design can be:

- Hand-drawn (on plain white paper — no lined notebook paper)
- Digitally created
- Simple or detailed
- Bold or understated

Color Guidelines

- **Maximum: 4–5 colors**
- Fewer colors are absolutely welcome—some of the best designs are simple

Digital Design Specs (If You're Creating on a Computer)

Photoshop

- Size: **13" W x 19" H**
- Resolution: **Minimum 200 DPI**

Adobe Illustrator

- Artboard: **13" x 19"**

Canva Users (You're Welcome Here Too)

If you're designing in Canva, follow these guidelines:

Canvas Size (*important*)

- Recommended: **4500 × 5400 pixels**
- (Approx. 13" x 18")

To set:

- Click **Create a Design** → **Custom Size**
- Enter: **4500 x 5400 px**

Resolution

- Canva exports at **300 DPI** (print quality)
- This ensures your design prints clean and sharp

Avoid low-resolution images—they won't print well

Background

- Use a **transparent background** if possible

To export:

- Click **Share** → **Download** → **PNG**
- Select **Transparent Background** (Pro feature)

Safe Design Area

- Keep your design centered
- Stay within roughly **4000 × 4800 px**

- Leave space around edges so nothing gets cut off during printing

Color Note

- Canva uses **RGB color mode**
- Printing uses **CMYK**

Note: Colors may print slightly different (often a bit less bright)

Final Notes

- Designs must be **original work**
- All submissions must follow the guidelines above
- By submitting, you agree that LYNP may use the winning design for Porchfest-related materials

How to Submit

For initial review and voting:

- If your design is hand-drawn, simply **take a clear photo** and submit it
- If digital, you may submit as **PNG, JPG, or PDF**
- **Submit to goodness@lynp.org**