Huzzah!



After much waiting, the bits have finally arrived! If you want one, please read on:

For any small order, the bits will be shipped by First Class mail, which is very cheap.

My store on eCRATER has as many as you could want to order, but the shipping is set to First Class Package rates and I can't change this; all the other products must ship as packages. If you order through here, I will refund excess shipping charges. This is the better option for large orders because it will not overcharge as much. eCRATER Store.

I also have a limited number on ebay. This has the correct shipping to the United States, but there is a selling limit and higher selling fees. International orders are still likely to overcharge on shipping, so I will refund errors made there as well. Ebay.

I can also take a direct payment through paypal without the need to list anywhere (or I can make you a custom listing). Just send me a message or an email to BronyBadges@gmail.com with how many you want and where to send it, and I'll get you a quote as fast as I can.

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Contest Results:

Beyond the top five, ‘ranking’ becomes loose. There were many ties. See the entries!

- 1st: 2090 - Moonlight Neo
- 2nd: 7808 - Silentmatten's Creations
- 3rd: 4895 - jblee22
- 4th: 9550 - Lamia
- Tie for 5th: 1703 – Decibelle
- Tie for 5th: 8838 - Queril
- 4365 - Timothy Tung
- 6565 - Sweet Biscuit
- 1994 - Figs
- 3367 - TopGull
- 1178 - Elsendor
- 2942 - LaptopGun
- 2180 - Devon Sweet
- 1344 - Cabbage Stems
- 5050 – Oliminor
- 5605 - Kay Forbes
- 1156 - Blubern Harvest
- 3631 - FreshFernStudios
- 5971 - ParticlePony6
- 3414 – Depridabo
- 6068 – RPDenith
- 9735 - Rainbow Disc
- 7183 - RandomNinja
- 9028 - Blue Mist
- 6672 - Stephen Canalita
- 7695 - MLP_Lover
- 7501 – neonignition

The following pages contain the original contest details.

Submissions & voting are now closed, so most of the information found there is no longer relevant. Feel free to look it over if you want to though!

The Equestrian Currency Contest!

Skip to the last page for a super-short summary.



Ever find yourself watching bits being bandied back and forth and wondering just what those shiny disks of gold really look like? Or maybe as you ponied up for your favorite Apple Family beverage, you realized you couldn't remember what the front side of the coin looked like. Perhaps the final question in 'Who Wants to be a Million-Mare?' asks for the exact phrase on the tail side of the standard Equestrian Bit, and you just don't know?

Well now YOU can do your part to put an end to this question once and for all!
Yes, you. The one reading *this*. You know who you are.

Introducing the Equestrian Currency Contest!

The Equestrian Currency Contest is a contest for the brony community to create and then choose a design for 'bits', which are the primary currency of Equestria. The contest itself will run similar to the WeLoveFine T-Shirt design contests, with a specific time period for design submission and then a voting period, but with a greater focus on input and feedback from the community. The winning design will actually be minted, and the creator of said design will win a glorious prize. These tokens will be slightly larger than a US quarter, made of shiny golden brass, and available for a mere dollar!

But you might ask, why go through all this herdsourcing? Why not just do it yourself? This way honestly sounds like much more fun! Instead of using just one idea, this makes room for all kinds of ideas from all kinds of people, and that kind of creativity can't be beat! Even if the end result is the same, if others have fun participating, then it is effort well spent.

Lets see what we can come up with!

Part 1: The Design Submissions

First up, the prize! The winner of the design contest, chosen by votes, will receive $200 (that's American dollars), two dozen of the finished products (free global shipping), and the glory and fame that comes with it. In addition to this, if the design can be provided as a proper vector file, the winner will receive an additional $75.

Arguably the most important part of any contest… entries! Have some rules.

Basic rules for entry:

- No violence, profanity, r34, or **anything** that would not show up on a real coin. It needs to fit the theme of Equestria; keep it clean.
- Entries must be entirely your own work. Using any part of the work of another artist is plagiarism, which is undeniably, unquestionably, uncool. And illegal.
- You may use any medium you wish to create your design, but it must be submitted as an image file. More on this below.
- One entry per person.
- Common sense applies. If you have none, go level up until you do.

Now a blurb about legal things! I'm not a lawyer, and chances are, neither are you; I'll keep it very simple. By submitting an entry to this contest, you agree that the entry can be posted publicly and that your image may be used for promotional material. You will still retain your copyright over the design, and you will still be credited as its creator.

If you become the winner, you trade your rights to the design for the grand prize. I have exclusive rights to use that design in any way deemed fit. You **will** still have your copyright over your original image, though I may use it. (The design itself and your image become separate). In any event, you will **ALWAYS** receive credit for creating the design.

Submissions: What, Where & When

What-

Your design of course! If it follows the rules, your entry will be accepted. If it violates those rules or is under suspicion of doing so, it may have to be removed. Entries must be submitted as an image file, and the higher the resolution they are, the better. Digital photos, scans, and digital art are all acceptable if in an image file format.

As far as the design itself, you are free to do anything you please within the basic rules. Your choice of medium is entirely up to you! Whether you want to draw it digitally or traditionally, paint it, carve it, or design it on the back of a hamburger with lines of mustard. Be as creative as you like, but keep in mind that it's a competition. Try and do your best!

Where-

Entries should be submitted through email to BronyBadges@gmail.com. In the email, be sure to include what name you want to go by and the image as an attachment or a link. Remember to include both sides of your design, or clearly state that both sides are the same. If you can't use email for whatever reason, you can message me through Deviantart by finding Guacamole888.

When-

The deadline for submissions will be midnight on Sunday, November the 25th (11-25). After this time, entries can no longer be accepted, so it is in your best interest to submit your entry as soon as you can. As there was no specified time zone, so long as it is before Midnight on any place on the planet, your entry will count. The voting portion of the contest *should* be ready on the 26th, and last until midnight on Wednesday, December 6th (12-05).

By this schedule, you have just over two full weeks for submissions and a good ten days to pick your favorite entry. I should have results ready on the seventh, which is Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (there's no way I'll forget).

Part 2: Voting for the Designs

The goal is to vote for the design you like because you like it, not because the artist asked you to or because you just want them to win. There is nothing wrong with supporting your favorite artists and/or friends, but it tends to give an unfair advantage to well-known artists, and it hurts the lesser known ones who may be submitting just as nice of entries.

Everyone, from the most well know artists there are, to the newest graduates of the Artist Training Grounds, should have an equal chance based on the merit of their work. Also, keep in mind that any design will end up on the same medium: stamped into brass. You're voting for the design, so vote for the right reasons. /)

Voting will be done through use of an image gallery and submission form. Entries will be given a random number and listed in a gallery, and votes will be made by typing the number of the image you want to win into a form, and pressing submit.

All relevant voting information is now at the top of the page.

The direct link to the voting form here, in the event the shortened URL fails to work.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dHFCQ3JraTVRc3p1SUhBeFdVSzRzS0E6MQ#gid=0

Tips & Suggestions

Professionalism is good, but so is creativity; take your entry seriously, but have fun.

Real coins have two different sides. Double-sided is fine, but useless for a coin toss.

The tokens will have smooth unmarked edges; you don't need to plan anything for them.

Not sure what goes on a coin? A lot of things really; images of leaders, heroes, natural landmarks, cultural symbols, or anything iconic to the civilization using the coins. A motto, the denomination, and the name of the country are also common things to find on a coin.

If you're not sure where to start, try Celestia. As the primary ruler of Equestria for a thousand years, a bit would likely have something related to her on it. Alternatively, try a design that could have come into circulation after the return of Luna or other major events.

If you aren't sure if something will look right, try making a proof at the actual size of a coin. If you can read/see it at that size, it will work fine. Obviously, this will be easiest for artists making their art digitally, since it can be scaled down and printed.

Digital art files should be at least 300 DPI.

Don't feel the need to add colors or special effects; sometimes simple works best.

