

Kansas State Flag

Sunflower State • Capital: Topeka • Statehood: 1861

Overview

A dark blue field with the state seal centred. A rising sun, cabin, river, and buffalo hunt set the scene, while above sits a sunflower, the state flower. “Kansas” is spelled beneath in gold, leaving no doubt.

Flag specifications

Adopted: 1927-05-21

Designer: Hazel Avery

Ratio: 3:5

Blue field with the state seal at the center, a sunflower above it, and the word ‘KANSAS’ below.

Colors

#002D72 #FFD700 #008000 #FFFFFF

Symbolism

state seal	Depicts agriculture, pioneers, and a rising sun.
sunflower	Official state flower and nickname.
motto	‘Ad Astra per Aspera’ means ‘To the stars through difficulties.’

Historical timeline

- 1861: Kansas admitted as 34th state.
- 1927: Official flag design adopted.

Notable facts

- Sunflower is central to Kansas’s identity.
- State motto highlights perseverance.
- The sunflower appears above the state seal.
- The state seal is the main feature on the blue field.
- The motto ‘Ad Astra per Aspera’ means ‘To the Stars Through Difficulties.’
- Thirty-four stars on the seal represent Kansas as the 34th state.
- The rising sun symbolizes a hopeful future.
- The word ‘Kansas’ was added below the seal in 1961.

Seal deep dive

stateSeal

The Kansas state seal centered on a dark blue field.

Meaning: Westward expansion, agriculture, commerce, Native heritage, and Kansas as the 34th state

motto

The Latin motto ‘Ad Astra per Aspera’ displayed on a banner inside the seal.

Meaning: To the stars through difficulties, reflecting hardship and perseverance

stateName

The word ‘KANSAS’ displayed beneath the seal.

Meaning: Clear labeling of the state

Vexillology notes

Design type: State seal on blue field

Complexity: 9/10

