

Texas State Flag

The Lone Star State • Capital: Austin • Statehood: 1845

Overview

Few state flags carry as much historical weight as Texas's iconic Lone Star banner. Long before it flew over the 28th state, this bold design represented something remarkable: an independent nation carved out of the American frontier.

Flag specifications

Adopted: January 25, 1839
Designer: Unknown
Ratio: 2:3
Blue vertical bar at the hoist with a single white star, beside white and red horizontal stripes.

Colors



Symbolism

loneStar	Unity and independence
blueField	Loyalty and justice
whiteStripe	Purity and liberty
redStripe	Bravery and courage

Historical timeline

- 1836: Texas declares independence
- 1839: Flag adopted
- 1845: Joins United States

Notable facts

- One of a handful of states that were once independent republics.
- The flag was adopted in 1839, six years before statehood.
- The design is similar to Chile's flag.
- The single star represents Texas as a former republic.
- Red, white, and blue reflect shared ideals with the United States.
- The vertical blue stripe symbolizes loyalty.
- The flag is commonly known as the Lone Star Flag.
- A popular myth says only Texas may fly its flag as high as the U.S. flag; in fact any state

Seal deep dive

loneStar

A single white five-pointed star centered on the blue vertical stripe.
Meaning: Independence, unity, and Texas as the Lone Star State

colorFields

Three color fields: blue vertical stripe, white upper stripe, red lower stripe.
Meaning: Loyalty (blue), purity (white), and bravery (red)

Vexillology notes

Design type: Single-star tricolor
Complexity: 1/10
Readability: 10/10



Printable reference sheet for classroom use.