

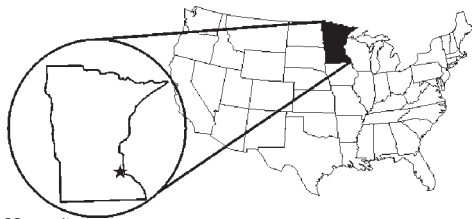
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA ★



Population Rank: U.S. # 59
Minnesota # 2

Proportions: 4:5 (usage)

Adopted: 22 November 1932 (official)



DESIGN: The flag of St. Paul is a horizontal tribar of equal yellow, blue, and yellow stripes. In its center is the civic shield in red, in the shape of an “American” shield. The upper third of the shield is divided into two compartments separated by a narrow vertical yellow line. In the left (hoist) is a yellow log cabin, showing the front and a portion of the hoist side; in the right (fly) is a truncated capitol dome with a wreath at its base, also in yellow. The lower part of the shield has a blue winged wheel with eight spokes on an inverted yellow isosceles triangle, its lower

point truncated in a concave arch. Above the shield, on the upper stripe, is a small blue five-pointed star. Below the shield, on the lower stripe, is a red ribbon with SAINT PAUL in yellow.

SYMBOLISM: According to the St. Paul Junior Chamber of Commerce:

A blue mid stripe represents the Mississippi River; a small cabin stands for Father Gaultier's original St. Paul chapel; a dome represents Minnesota's Capitol and capital; and a winged wheel indicates St. Paul's position as a transportation hub. The flag also contains a star of the north, symbolic of Minnesota, and a red shield, representing the progress and spirit of the city, while gold stripes are symbolic of the future.

HOW SELECTED: A citywide contest was sponsored by the St. Paul Association of Commerce.

DESIGNER: Gladys Mittle, an art student at the College of St. Catherine.

MORE ABOUT THE FLAG: Gaultier's log mission chapel was erected in 1841; called "St. Paul's", it gave the name to the village that grew up around it. The first major display of the city flag was on 30 March 1935, when thousands of the flags decorated the city for St. Paul Day.

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