

SWEEPSTAKES OFFICIAL RULES

1. **NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN.** Purchase will not increase your chances of winning. Void where prohibited. Restrictions apply.

2. **ELIGIBILITY:** Open to persons who have a U Card, are a student at the University of Minnesota, and are 18 years of age and older as of the date of entry (“Participant”). Employees of the Metropolitan Council (“Sponsor”) and members of their immediate family or persons living in the same household are ineligible.

3. **HOW TO ENTER:** Beginning on Monday, September 16, 2024 at 12:01 a.m. CST through Friday, October 27, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. CST (“Promotion Period”) Participant can sign up online to register for the contest by filling out the sign-up form linked at <https://www.metrotransit.org/university-of-minnesota>. Participant is given one entry for signing up. More entries are given to Participants when they tap their U Card to ride transit during the Promotional Period. No more than one tap per hour will be included as an entry.

Alternative Method of Entry: Hand print your first and last name, your complete street address, U Card ID Number, daytime phone number, date of birth, and email address on a 3” x 5” index card or piece of paper and place your entry into an outer-mailing envelope with proper postage affixed and mail it to: Marketing Development, 560 6th Avenue North. Mail-in entries must be received by the end of the Promotion Period. Taps of the U Card will not count until the mailing is received and processed.

One entry per person is permitted via online and paper mail in. Use of any robotic, automatic, programmed, or similar entry method or entering more than the number of times online or via mail in form. You may not enter more times than indicated by using multiple email addresses, identities, or devices in an attempt to circumvent the rules.

4. **DRAWING:** A random drawing will be conducted on September 23rd, September 30th, October 7th, October 14th, October 21st and October 28th by Sponsor to select the winner from among all eligible entries received during the previous week (Monday 12:00 a.m. to Sunday at 11:59 p.m.). Odds of winning depend on the number of entries received. The potential winner will be notified by email and must affirm their eligibility within five (5) days of the date notice is sent or such other date set by Sponsor. Failure to respond within the applicable time period will result in forfeiture of prize and Sponsor shall have the option to award the prize to an alternate winner. The return of any prize notification or prize as undeliverable may result in disqualification and an alternate winner may be selected. All income taxes resulting from acceptance of prize are the responsibility of winner. By entering this sweepstakes, entrant accepts and agrees to these Official Rules and the decisions of the Sponsor, which shall be final in all matters. Acceptance of a prize also constitutes permission to the Sponsor Parties to use winner's name and biographical information for marketing purposes without further compensation or right of approval, unless prohibited by law. All federal and state laws apply.

5. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:** By entering this sweepstakes, entrants waive all right to, and hold the Sponsor Parties harmless from, any claim, liability, loss, damage (including punitive, incidental, and consequential damages), or expense (including attorneys' fees) arising out

of or in connection with participation in this sweepstakes or the acceptance, use, or misuse of any prize. **SOME JURISDICTIONS DO NOT ALLOW THE LIMITATIONS OR EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, SO THE ABOVE MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU.** Sponsor Parties will not be responsible for: late, incomplete, or incorrect entries; an entrant's failure to receive prize notices due to entrant's spam, junk e-mail, or other security settings or for entrants' provision of incorrect or otherwise non-functioning contact information; technical, hardware, or software malfunctions, lost or unavailable network connections, or failed, incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete, garbled, or delayed electronic communications whether caused by the sender or by any of the equipment or programming associated with or used in this sweepstakes; by any human error which may occur in the processing of the entries in this sweepstakes; or any typographical, technological, or other error in the publishing of the offer, administration of the sweepstakes, or announcement of the prize. If, in the Sponsor's opinion, there is such an error, or there is any suspected evidence of tampering with any portion of the sweepstakes, or if technical difficulties (including viruses and bugs) compromise the integrity of the sweepstakes, Sponsor reserves the right to cancel or modify this sweepstakes in a manner deemed appropriate by the Sponsor. In the event of termination, winners will be selected from among all eligible entries received as of date of termination. In the event a dispute arises as to the identity of a potentially winning entrant, entries will be declared made by the name on the online entry form.

6. **PRIZES:** There will be a drawing for each of the following prizes:

Prize 1: University of Minnesota Bookstore Gift Card, Retail Value: \$50

Prize 2: Gopher Package, Retail Value: \$50

Prize 3: University of Minnesota Bookstore Gift Card, Retail Value: \$100

Prize 4: Gopher Package, Retail Value: \$125

Prize 5: Gopher Package, Retail Value: \$200

Prize 6: Apple Watch, Retail Value: \$799.99

No substitution or transfer of prize permitted by winner. Sponsor reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value. All prizes will be awarded. If a potential winner is disqualified for any reason, Sponsor will award the applicable prize to an alternate winner by random drawing from among all remaining eligible entries. Only three (3) alternate drawings will be held, after which the prize will remain un-awarded.

7. **CHOICE OF LAW AND FORUM:** Entrant agrees that all matters arising out of or relating to this sweepstakes and these Official Rules are governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of Minnesota. Entrant further agrees that any dispute arising out of or relating to this sweepstakes and these Official Rules shall be brought exclusively in the applicable federal or state courts located in Minnesota.

8. **PRIVACY:** Information submitted with an entry is subject to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act.

9. INQUIRES OR QUESTIONS: Any inquiries or questions regarding the Sweepstakes may be sent by email to alice.johnson@gmail.com or by regular mail to 560 Sixth Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55411.

10. WINNERS LIST: For the names of all prize winners, submit a request at <https://metro council.org/About-Us/Contact/Data-Requests.aspx> .

11. SPONSOR: Metropolitan Council, Metro Transit Marketing Department, 560 Sixth Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55411.