

KIDS' CORNER

Design an Olympic Medal



Wilma Rudolph, Summer Olympics, Rome 1960

Clarksville native and hometown hero Wilma Rudolph was famous in the 1960s as the fastest woman in the world. She was also the first American woman to win three gold medals in a single Olympics. Get a glimpse of her amazing story here: <https://olympics.com/en/video/overcoming-obstacles-wilma-s-story> (40 seconds)

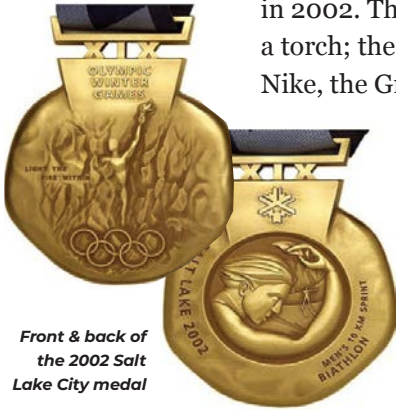
Each Olympic host city is responsible for designing its medals. The last summer Olympics held in the USA was in Atlanta, Georgia in 1996. The design included Nike, the Greek goddess of victory, holding a palm in her left hand and a winner's crown in her right; a "Quilt of Leaves" stylized olive branch design; the Olympic torch; the Olympic five rings symbol; the name of the city and the year.



Front & back of the 1996 Atlanta medal

The last winter Olympics held in the USA was in Salt Lake City, Utah in 2002. The design included an athlete bursting from flames carrying a torch; the Olympic five rings symbol; a profile of the head and arm of Nike, the Greek goddess of victory, holding a small olive leaf over her

head and the Roman numeral XIX. The medals were designed in the shape of river rocks, like those found in Utah's streams and rivers.



Front & back of the 2002 Salt Lake City medal

Design an Olympic Medal! According to the International Olympic Committee, the design should include:

- An image of Nike (the Greek goddess of victory)
- The Olympic five rings symbol
- The official name of the Games

