

MO-02 Congressional Art Competition

Competition Guidelines

- Open to **high school students** only- one entry per student
- Artwork must be **two-dimensional**, but may include any of the following medias
 - Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
 - Drawings: pastels, colored pencils, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers, etc.
 - Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
 - Mixed Media
 - Computer Generated Art
 - Photography
- Framing is optional for the district competition.* However, the 1st and 2nd place pieces **MUST** be framed before shipping to Washington, D.C. and must meet the framing requirements listed below:
 - Each piece cannot weigh more than 15 lbs (including the frame)
 - Each piece must be **no larger than 28 inches high x 28 inches wide x 4 inches deep (including the frame)**
 - “Snap on” frames are not allowed. Metal Frames with Plexiglas are recommended. No glass allowed. Oil or acrylic on canvas may be framed without Plexiglas covering.
- Each entry must be **original in concept, design, and execution** and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo (other than the student’s own), painting, graphic, advertisement, or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition’s rules and will not be accepted. Work entered must be in the original medium (not a scanned reproduction of the piece).
 - The winner’s artwork will hang in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol for the **entire year** and cannot be returned to the students earlier. In addition, the second and third place pieces will hang in Congresswoman Wagner’s Washington D.C. and District Offices respectively, for one year. Therefore, students should submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.
- Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission. In accordance with this policy, pieces depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed.



Deadline

- **All Entries must be delivered to the MO-2 district office by 5 PM on Monday, April 13, 2015.**
 - Address for MO-2 district office: 301 Sovereign Court, suite 201 St. Louis, MO 63011
- The Student Information & Release Form is available on Congresswoman Wagner’s website: www.wagner.house.gov under the “Services” tab click on Art Competition. **This form must be completed, signed and attached to the back of your artwork**

District and Washington DC Congressional Art Competition Events

- Congresswoman Wagner will host an exhibition and awards ceremony (date to be determined) at the district office. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be determined by a panel of professional artists and announced at the ceremony.
- There will be a reception (date to be determined) in the U.S. Capitol to unveil the winning artwork from across the country.
- The district winner will be awarded two round-trip tickets to Washington, DC for the ceremony.

*While framing is not required, flimsy pieces must be mounted on a sturdy backing.

If you have any questions, please contact Jaci Winship at 636-779-5449 or jaci.winship@mail.house.gov.