

2013 Congressional Art Competition

Competition Guidelines

- Open to **high school students** only
- 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 contest. However, the winning piece **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 framed by the artist and 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. 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.**



Deadlines

- Entry must be delivered to the MO-2 district office by 5 PM on **Thursday, April 18, 2013**.
 - 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. These forms must be signed and attached to the back of your framed artwork and delivered by 5 PM on Thursday, April 18, 2013.
- The winner will be determined by the judges and notified by May 3, 2013.

Washington DC Congressional Art Competition Reception

- Each congressional district picks a winning art piece to be hung in the U.S. Capitol for one year. There will be a ceremony over the summer to unveil all of the winning artwork from across the country. The date has yet to be determined.
- The winner is awarded two round-trip tickets to Washington, DC for the ceremony.
(more information will be available in the coming weeks)

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