



2012 Congressional Art Competition GUIDELINES

General Guidelines

- The Congressional Art Competition is open to all high school students who reside in the Seventh Congressional District of New Jersey.
- All artwork must be submitted to Congressman Lance's district office by **April 16, 2012.**

The Westfield office is located at 425 North Avenue East, Westfield, NJ 07090.
The Flemington office is located 23 Royal Road, Suite 101, Flemington, NJ 08822.

- Judging will take place on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at a special ceremony held at Merck located in Summit (NJ). All participants, and their families, who submit artwork will receive an invitation to the event. Merck's facility in Summit is located at: 181 Passaic Avenue.
- A copy of the Student Release form, signed by both the teacher and the student, must be attached to the student's artwork certifying the originality of the piece. The Student Release form is enclosed within this packet and is also available online at www.lance.house.gov.
- There is no designated theme for the competition and students may pick from the following categories:
 - a) Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
 - b) Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers
 - c) Collage: must be two dimensional
 - d) Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
 - e) Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, etc.
 - f) Computer generated art

g) Photography

Framing Guidelines

- All artwork must be framed. Frames should be kept as simple and sturdy as possible. Metal frames are recommended. No “snap-on” frames with glass are allowed.
- All artwork must be protected by Plexiglas or glass. Plexiglas is preferred.
- All works, **including frame**, should be **no larger** than 28 inches high, 28 inches wide, and 4 inches deep, and not exceed 15 lbs in weight. *This includes the outside dimensions of the frame.* Please be sure to double check size before submitting as framed work larger than the specified dimensions will have to be turned away.
- Matting of the artwork is at the discretion of the participant.
- Use sturdy picture hangers on the back of the frame. Two sturdy eye hooks should be attached at the right and left sides of the back of the work for hanging in order to prevent the work from leaning forward or hanging unevenly. Do not put wire between the hook for hanging as this will be added accordingly.
- Do not attach labels, ribbons, etc. to the front of the piece or underneath the glass or Plexiglas
- If the artwork is abstract in design, please indicate on the back which side is “up”.

Questions about Congressman Leonard Lance’s Congressional Art Competition should be directed to Brad Myhre at 908-788-6900 or email: brad.myhre@mail.house.gov

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