



2013 Congressional Art Competition

Official Competition Rules

- 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 – use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
- Computer Generated Art
- Photography
- 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)
- Each piece must be covered in Plexiglas. **ABSOLUTELY NO GLASS ALLOWED** (should your student win glass can break during shipment and possibly damage the artwork).
- Each piece **CANNOT WEIGH MORE THAN 15 lbs** (including the frame)
- “Snap on” frames with glass are not allowed. Metal Frames with Plexiglas are recommended and preferred.
- Use of sturdy picture hangers on the back of the frame is required.
- 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. Pieces that receive honorable mention will be displayed in one of Congressman Luetkemeyer’s district offices.
- Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission. In accordance with this policy, exhibits **depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed.**

Deadlines

- Entry must be framed and delivered the Wentzville, Washington, or Jefferson City office by Friday, March 8, 2013 at 5pm.
- Student Information & Release Form **must be signed and attached** to the back of your framed artwork and delivered with the artwork by Friday, March 8, 2013.
- The winner will be notified once judging has been completed.

DC Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

- Each congressional district picks a winning art piece to be hung in the U.S. Capitol. There will be a ceremony over the summer to unveil all of the winning artwork from across the country. The date is typically in the middle of June, but has not been finalized yet.
- The winner is awarded round-trip airfare to Washington, DC for the ceremony.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Laura Hardecke at 573-635-7232 or by email at laura.hardecke@mail.house.gov