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Greetings!

For the fourth year students from the Northern Mariana Islands have the opportunity to take part in the Congressional Art Competition. One student from each of the 441 Congressional Districts is selected to have their art exhibited here at the U.S. Capitol, where the work is seen by Members of Congress and staff, and by tens of thousands of visitors from around the United States and the world.

Enclosed with this letter is the information you will need to help your students submit their artwork for this competition. I hope you will make these guidelines available to your school's art classes and to any other students who might be interested and eligible.

There is no set theme that students must follow, although much of the art on display reflects regional influences. This has certainly been the case for the past three winners from the Northern Marianas, whose work has portrayed elements of the life, history, and culture of our home islands.

The deadline for submission is Friday, April 13, 2012. Entries can be hand-delivered or mailed to the congressional offices on Rota and Tinian, which are open Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Saipan, which is also open on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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Thank you for helping make this wonderful opportunity available to young artists in the Northern Mariana Islands.

Sincerely,



GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN
Member of Congress



2012 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

Official Guidelines

The competition is open to students grades 9 through 12 in the Northern Mariana Islands.

Artwork submitted must meet the following requirements in order to fit in the exhibit space at the U.S. Capitol:

- ❖ Artwork must be two dimensional.
- ❖ Dimensions cannot exceed 28 inches high, 28 inches wide, and 4 inches deep, inclusive of the frame.
- ❖ Weight cannot exceed 15 lbs.
- ❖ 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 (not the student's own), painting, graphic, advertisement, or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and will not be accepted. Work entered must be in the original medium (that is, not a scanned reproduction of a painting or drawing).
- ❖ Artwork will hang in the Capitol for the entire year of the exhibition and cannot be returned earlier. Students should, therefore, submit work they will not need for other purposes during that time period.
- ❖ Accepted media are:
 - Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
 - Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers
 - Collage: must be two dimensional
 - Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
 - Mixed media: use of more than two media, such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
 - Computer-generated art
 - Photography
- ❖ A typed and securely affixed large label must be attached to the back of the artwork (see sample below).

Student Name
Address
Phone No.
Title
Medium
Member's Name
State and District

In addition, a typed copy of the Student Information & Release form, signed by both the teacher and the student, must be attached to the back of the artwork to certify the originality of the piece.

The Northern Marianas winner will be selected by a panel of local judges and will be notified with further information after judging.

The final decision regarding the suitability of all artwork for the 2012 Congressional Art Competition exhibition in the Capitol will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. 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.

****Artwork must be submitted no later than****

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2012

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**Thank you for participating in the
2012 Congressional Art Competition.**

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Student Information & Release Form

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. THIS INFORMATION IS USED FOR CERTIFICATES AND AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS.
INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

MEMBER/DISTRICT INFORMATION	
MEMBER OF CONGRESS NAME:	STATE:

STUDENT INFORMATION		
NAME:	GRADE:	
STREET ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT):		
STUDENT EMAIL:		
T-SHIRT SIZE:		
PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME(S):		
PARENT PHONE:	PARENT WORK PHONE:	

SCHOOL		
SCHOOL NAME:		
STREET ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
ART TEACHER NAME:		
ART TEACHER PHONE:	ART TEACHER EMAIL:	

ART COMPETITION ENTRY		
TITLE OF ENTRY:		
MEDIUM:		
DESCRIPTION:		
Please include a detailed description of the artwork, clearly identifying the major elements of the piece.		
FRAMED DIMENSIONS: Height: _____ inches Width: _____ inches Depth: _____ inches		
See official guidelines for framed size and artwork weight restrictions.		

PLEASE COMPLETE THE RELEASE FORM ON PAGE 2.

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Student Information & Release Form

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STUDENT NAME:	STATE:
TITLE OF ENTRY:	

ORIGINALITY CERTIFICATION	
I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the art entry described above is an original work of authorship by the undersigned student and that it is not copied from, nor does it include, any other person's copyrighted work.	
<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> STUDENT SIGNATURE	<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> ART TEACHER SIGNATURE

ARTWORK RELEASE	
<p>We, the undersigned, represent that the art entry described above is an original work of authorship personally created by the undersigned student to which the student is entitled copyright protection. In consideration for the acceptance of the art entry by the Member of Congress designated above in <i>An Artistic Discovery</i> (the Congressional Art Competition sponsored by the U.S. House of Representatives) and intending to be legally bound hereby, the undersigned grant the Member and the House the right to publicly display the art entry, if it is selected for display, in accordance with the rules of the Art Competition, for a period of two years from the latest date on this form. The undersigned acknowledge that the final decision regarding the suitability of an art entry to be displayed in the Capitol will be made by a House panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. The undersigned also grant the Member, the House, their employees and agents, and the United States the right to reproduce the art entry for any non-commercial purpose. The undersigned further grant the Member, the House, their employees and agents, and the United States from any and all liability for damage, loss, or misappropriation of the art entry during and subsequent to the Art Competition. The undersigned further agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Member, the House, their employees and agents, and the United States against any and all claims of any nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to, claims of copyright infringement, by any party whatsoever, arising out of or in any way related to the submission of the art entry in the Art Competition.</p>	
<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> STUDENT SIGNATURE	<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (IF UNDER 18)

MEMBER APPROVAL (FOR OVERALL WINNER ONLY)	
I have viewed the above-signed student's artwork and approve of its content. I understand that by signing this form I am supporting this artwork and am responsible for its content.	
<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> MEMBER SIGNATURE	<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> PRINT DISTRICT OFFICE CONTACT NAME
	<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> PRINT DC OFFICE CONTACT NAME