



CONGRESSMAN

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## 2024 Congressional Art Competition

### *About the Competition:*

The Congressional Art Competition is open to all high school students who live in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District. This annual competition highlights the district's best young artists and celebrates their artistic achievements. Participants are not only able to add participation in the Congressional Art Competition to their resume, but also compete for the honor of having their artwork displayed in the United States Capitol for one year. Various awards are also available, including a trip to Washington DC for the winner!

### *Important Dates:*

**Friday May 3rd by 5pm** – Entry Deadline

**Wednesday May 8th** - Winners Will Be Announced

### *How to Submit Artwork:*

- All entries must be submitted by 5PM on May 3rd.
- Entries will be emailed to Jessica Eck in my district office at [Jessica.Eck@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jessica.Eck@mail.house.gov).
- Students may email entries directly, or have their entries emailed by their art teacher.
- One entry per email only. If a student wishes to submit more than one piece of art to the competition, please submit each piece of art in its own separate email.
- The email subject line for entries should be: "2024 Congressional Art Competition Entry"
- Entries should include the following in one email:
  - One high resolution photo of the work of art as a JPEG image file.
  - Official Submission Form as a PDF document.
  - In the body of the email please include the following information:
    - Entrant's Name, Email & Cell Phone Number
    - Title of Artwork
    - Medium Used
    - Description of Artwork

# 2024 Rules

1. The competition is open to all high school students who live in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District.
2. All artwork must be two-dimensional and be able to be framed. (It does NOT need to be framed for the competition, only the winning piece will need to be framed.)
3. Artwork can be no larger than 26 inches high, 26 inches wide, and 4 inches deep INCLUDING the framing. (This applies for the winning piece.)
4. All artwork must be able to be hung.
5. We are unable to consider art on scratch paper, printer paper, or notebook paper that is not affixed to something that will allow it to be hung.
6. Accepted mediums for the artwork are as follows:
  - a. Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
  - b. Drawings: colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal (It is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed.)
  - c. Collages: must be two dimensional
  - d. Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
  - e. Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
  - f. Computer-generated art
  - g. Photographs
7. Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate U.S. copyright laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo or image (including a painting, graphic, or advertisement) that was created by someone other than the student is a violation of the competition rules and will not be accepted.
8. Work entered must be in the original medium (that is, not a scanned reproduction of a painting or drawing.)
9. Artwork will hang in the Capitol for the duration of one year. Entrants must understand that if they win, the art will not be available to them for the duration that it is displayed.
10. 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. While it is not the intent to censor any artwork., the aim of the Congressional Institute's guidelines is to avoid artwork that is potentially inappropriate for display in the highly traveled area of the Capitol where it will be featured.
11. All entries should include all required application elements in one email, sent by the student or teacher.