



CONGRESSMAN

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2021 Congressional Art Competition

About the Competition:

The Congressional Art Competition is open to all high school students who live in the 3rd 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. In addition, the winner, along with a parent and their art teacher will receive round trip airfare and lodging in Washington, D.C. for the ceremony of placing the art in the Capitol, hosted by the Congressional Institute. (Pending Covid19 Restrictions.) Additional awards are also available, including scholarships, and awards for various placings, including a people's choice award.

Important Dates:

Friday April 23rd by 5pm – Entry Deadline

Wednesday April 28th – Judging and People's Choice Award Voting Begins

Wednesday May 5th – Judging and People's Choice Award Voting Ends

Friday May 7th - Winners Will Be Announced

How to Submit Artwork:

- All entries must be submitted by 5PM on April 23rd.
- Entries will be emailed to Jessica Eck in my district office at Jessica.Eck@mail.house.gov
- Students may email entries directly, or have their entries emailed by their art teacher
- The email subject line for entries should be: "2021 Congressional Art Competition Entry"
- Entries should include the following in one email:
 - Up to 4 high quality digital images of the piece of art including:
 - one image of the piece of art as a whole, cropped to have no background except the frame if applicable.
 - 2-3 images to show close up details or anything about the piece that the artist would like to highlight to the judges
 - Official Submission Form Attached as a PDF
 - 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

2021 Rules

1. The competition is open to all high school students who live in the 3rd 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 the exhibition. Students should only submit artwork they will not need for other purposes after May 7th.
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.