

# 2016 Congressional Art Competition Guidelines

## General Guidelines

- The competition is open to high school students that reside in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District of Virginia.
  - Please confirm student's district before submitting artwork.  
<http://www.house.gov/htbin/findrep>
- Entries must be received by **Friday, April 22, 2016** in Rep. Scott's District Offices: 2600 Washington Avenue, Suite 1010 Newport News, VA 23607 or 400 N. 8th Street, Suite 430 Richmond, VA 23219.
- Artwork must conform to the following restrictions:
  - **Artwork must be two-dimensional**
  - **Each piece can be no larger than 28"x28"x4" (28 inches high, 28 inches wide, and 4 inches deep) including the frame**
  - Artwork cannot weigh more than 15 lbs

Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. Any entry which has been reproduced 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).

The **Winning** Artwork will hang in the Capitol for the **entire year** of the exhibition and **cannot** be returned to students earlier. Students should, therefore, submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.

### **Artwork categories are as follows:**

- 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 mediums such as pencil, ink, etc.
- Computer generated art
- Photography

A copy of the signed Student Release form must be attached to the backside of the artwork.

***If the artwork is abstract in design, please indicate on the backside which side is "up" with arrows.***

## Framing Guidelines

***Please note that framing is optional, however the art contest winner is required to have their artwork framed and will be notified.***

If you choose to frame, all works, **including frame**, should be **no larger** than 28 inches high, 28 inches wide, and 4 inches deep, and 15 lbs in weight. ***This includes the outside dimensions of the frame.***

Matting can enhance or detract from a work of art and should be carefully prepared.

**Do not attach labels, ribbon, etc. to the front of the piece or underneath the glass or Plexiglas.**