



2018 Congressional Art Competition Rules and Regulations

- The Congressional Art Competition is open to all high school students (grades 9-12).
- Entries will be accepted at Congressman Cartwright's district offices for residents of **Pennsylvania's 17th Congressional District**. Students residing outside the district will be referred to their respective Member of Congress. The district includes portions of Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Northampton, and Carbon Counties and all of Schuylkill County. Please call Jennifer Manganello in the Scranton District Office (570-341-1050) if you have questions regarding district residency or visit govtrack.us.
- Each entry **must be original** in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any US 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.
- Artwork must conform to the following restrictions
 - Artwork must be two dimensional.
 - Artwork can be **no larger** than 26 inches high, 26 inches wide and 4 inches deep, **including the frame**.
 - Artwork cannot weigh more than 15 pounds.
 - Accepted mediums include
 - Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
 - Drawings: colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal (it is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed.)
 - Prints: lithographs, silk screen, block prints
 - Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
 - Collages (must be two dimensional)
 - Computer generated art
 - Photographs
 - Artwork entered must be in the original medium (that is, not a scanned reproduction of a painting or drawing).
- Artwork does not need to be framed in order to be entered into the competition; however, the winning piece will need to be framed in order to be displayed in the Capitol.

- Students may submit up to **two** total pieces of artwork. All artwork will be judged (only one award per student). Artwork does not have to be from this current academic year.
- A copy of the Student Release Form, signed by the teacher, student, and parent/guardian must be submitted with **each** piece to certify the originality of the piece. This form may be copied, or additional forms may be requested from the Scranton District Office. Also, please complete and attach the required label form to each piece of art, oriented as the piece should be displayed.
- **Suitability Guidelines:** Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission (the Commission). In accordance with this policy, exhibits depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed.
- All suitable entries will be displayed at the Everhart Museum prior to the event.
- A small reception will be held in the evening on **Thursday, May 3** with Congressman Matt Cartwright at the Everhart Museum for all participants and interested parties where the winners will be announced.
- Artwork can be submitted to Congressman Cartwright's District Offices in Easton, Pottsville, or Scranton between 9am and 5pm.
- The final deadline to submit art to Congressman Cartwright's district offices is **Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 5:00 pm**. Late submissions will not be accepted.
- The 1st place winner, chosen by a panel of judges, will hang in the Capitol for the entire year of the exhibition and cannot be returned to the student earlier. Students, therefore, should submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.
- The 2nd and 3rd place winners will hang in Congressman Cartwright's Scranton District Office for the entire year.
- The first prize winner will receive a \$150 gift card or two round trip airfares from Philadelphia to cover travel costs to attend the national winners' reception in Washington, DC in June.
- After the exhibition, students will be able to pick up their artwork from Rep. Cartwright's Scranton District Office.

For art in-take forms, guidelines, important dates, and any other information regarding the 2017 Congressional Art Competition, please contact Jennifer Manganello at jennifer.manganello@mail.house.gov or at 570-341-1050.



2018 Congressional Art Competition Checklist

When preparing for the Congressional Art Competition, please complete the following checklist. This will ensure that the Congressional Art Competition Staff will accept the work. Please consult the official rules and regulations for more information.

Requirements for All Students, Parents/Guardians, and Teachers

- The student resides in Pennsylvania's 17th Congressional District
- The artwork is no larger than 26 inches high, 26 inches wide, and 4 inches deep when framed and weigh no more than 15 pounds.
- Draw arrows on the back of the artwork to indicate which direction is "up."
- The artwork meets suitability and originality guidelines.
- The "Student Information and Release Form" is attached to the back of the artwork.
 - The release form has signatures from the student, parent/guardian, and teacher.
- Securely attach a **typed** label to the back of each piece with the following information
 - Student Name
 - Address
 - Phone Number
 - Email Address
 - Title
 - Medium
 - Member's Name
 - State and District
- Draw arrows on the back of the artwork to indicate which direction is "up."

Questions? Contact Jennifer Manganello jennifer.manganello@mail.house.gov or 570-341-1050

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Student Information & Release Form

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

MEMBER/DISTRICT INFORMATION	
MEMBER OF CONGRESS NAME:	STATE & DISTRICT:

STUDENT INFORMATION		
NAME: <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.		GRADE:
STREET ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT):		
STUDENT EMAIL:	STUDENT PHONE (CELL):	
PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME(S):		
PARENT PHONE (HOME):	PARENT PHONE (WORK or CELL):	
PARENT EMAIL:	STUDENT T-SHIRT SIZE:	

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.	
For office use only:	
FRAMED DIMENSIONS: Height: _____ inches Width: _____ inches Depth: _____ inches	
See official guidelines for framed size and artwork weight restrictions.	

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STUDENT NAME:

STATE & DISTRICT:

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.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

ART TEACHER SIGNATURE

ARTWORK RELEASE

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 *An Artistic Discovery* (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. The undersigned grant the Member, the House, their employees and agents, the United States, and the Congressional Institute, Inc., and its employees, the right to reproduce the art entry for any non-commercial purpose. The undersigned further release the Member, the House, their employees and agents, the United States, and the Congressional Institute, Inc., and its employees, 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, the United States, and the Congressional Institute, Inc., and its employees, 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.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (IF UNDER 18)