

2006 NINTH CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur has requested the assistance of the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo (ACGT) Firelands Association for the Visual Arts (FAVA) and Oberlin College in organizing the 23rd Annual Invitational Congressional Art Competition for high schools in the Ninth Congressional District. The competition is part of "Artistic Discovery," a nationwide activity initiated by members of the U.S. House of Representatives to recognize and encourage creative talent.

The first place entry will have his/her artwork placed on display in Washington, D.C. for one year. The two runners-up will display their artwork for 6 months in Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur's office. All participants selected into the Invitational Exhibition will receive a Congressional Certificate indicating that their artwork was in this competition.

The Ninth Congressional District includes Lucas, Ottawa, Erie, and Lorain Counties. If any instructors have questions or concerns about their district location, please contact Theresa Morris-Ramos, at Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur's office, 419-259-7500 or 800-964-4699.

The following guidelines have been established for the Invitational Competition:

1. Each high school art instructor may submit two (2) entries. No student may be represented by more than one piece per instructor. No teacher's name may appear on more than 2 submissions.
2. Each piece must be framed. No snap on frames with glass are to be used. If the artwork is abstract in design, please indicate on the back which side is up.
3. Each piece must include two typed cards or legibly printed with identical information taped to the back upper left corner with the following information: (see the official card)
 - Name, address, and phone number of student artist
 - Age, grade, and school of student artist
 - Instructor (first and last name), school phone number, and email address
 - Title of artwork (as will be printed in the exhibition program), art category, and framed dimensions of artwork
 - All cards must be signed by the student
 - All artwork must be covered for protection to prevent any damages. Use cardboard or bubble wrap labeled with name of the student, teacher and high school names. As this is a traveling exhibition, all artwork must be sufficiently covered to prevent damage in transit. This will assist the ACGT and FAVA staff in protecting the artwork.

ANY ARTWORK SUBMITTED AND LACKING THE ATTACHED CARD, OR WITH INCOMPLETE INFORMATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED INTO THE EXHIBITION.
4. All artwork submitted must be the original work of the student artist. Artwork generated from an original photograph will only be accepted if the original photograph is attached to the back of the artwork. Any act of plagiarism will result in disqualification from the exhibition.
5. It is mandatory that all artwork be two-dimensional, no larger than 32" x 32", framed with hanging devices mounted and wire attached to back of artwork. The artwork cannot be more than 4 inches in depth.
6. The following categories for submission:
 - Painting (oil, watercolor, acrylic, etc.)
 - Drawings (pastels, colored pencil, charcoal, ink, markers)
 - Collages (must be two dimensional)
 - Prints (lithograph, silk screen, monotype, woodcut, and intaglio methods)
 - Mixed Media
 - Photography
 - Computer Generated Art

7. All artwork will be accepted the week of February 6-10, 2004, however the final deadline for the work is February 13, 2006 by 4:30 p.m. to:

Arts Commission of Greater Toledo
1838 Parkwood Avenue, Suite 120
Toledo, Ohio 43624
419-254-2787
Email: ACGT@ACGT.ORG
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30

Firelands Association for the Visual Arts
New Union Ctr for the Arts 39 South Main St
Oberlin, OH 44074
440-774-2166
Email: FAVAGALLERY@OBERLIN.NET
Hours: Tues-Sat 11am-5pm, Sunday, 1pm-5pm.
Special arrangements can be made for the Monday, February 13 drop off. Please call.

8. Rights of refusal:
- Artwork exceeds size restrictions.
 - Quality of craftsmanship on behalf of framing or matting (example: broken glass, scratched plexiglas, torn or discolored mats, unsuitable framing and material not meeting hanging standards).
 - The Arts Commission of Greater Toledo and its partners reserve the right to make final decision for selection of all artwork displayed during the show. While we submit the first place entry to be hung in the U.S. Capitol, the final decision regarding suitability for the Exhibition will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol.
9. Artwork will be on display in the lobby of the **Owens Illinois Building, One SeaGate Center**, in downtown Toledo, Ohio. Exhibition dates are March 3-24, 2006. Continuation of this exhibit will take place from April 1-24, 2006 at **Oberlin College**, in Oberlin, Ohio. The reception and award ceremony are listed below.
10. All artwork must stay for the entire duration of the exhibition and may not be withdrawn once accepted for the exhibition.
11. A selected jury of professionals representing the art community will be appointed to judge entries for: First Place, Two Runners-up, and Honorable Mentions. Awards given are based upon the merit of the artwork.
12. Up to two (2) awards will also be given in the category for surface design. Ten (10) students will be invited to attend an "Arts Marketing" event cosponsored by Libbey Inc. Students will be awarded at the receptions. Parents and teachers are encouraged to attend as well.
13. At the conclusion of the exhibition all artwork is to be picked up by the instructors. Information will be sent indicating dates and time for pick-up of all artwork.

Thank you for your effort in making the 23rd Annual Invitational Congressional Art Competition a success.

Important Dates to Remember

Date	Activity	Notes
February 6-13, 2006	Ability to drop off artwork	Students can drop off the week prior to the submission deadline (see times above)
February 13, 2006	Deadline for Submissions	Drop off at FAVA and ACGT (see times above)
March 3-24, 2006	Toledo Show	Owens Illinois Headquarters Lobby
March 12, 2006	Toledo Reception	4:00pm Refreshments provided
April 1-24, 2006	Oberlin Show	Oberlin College Science Center
April 5, 2006	Arts Marketing Workshop**	Winners announced at Reception
April 9, 2006	Oberlin Reception	1:00pm Refreshments provided
Week of May 1, 2006	Artwork ready for pick up	FAVA/ACGT (see times above)