

2008 ART COMPETITION GUIDELINES

General Guidelines

- The competition is open to high school students only.
- In order to allow an artwork to hang in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol, the following restrictions are necessary:
 - Piece must be two-dimensional
 - Each piece can be **no larger** than 30 inches by 30 inches to the outside dimensions of the frame (change from previous years)
 - No more than 4 inches in depth
 - Artwork must arrive in Washington by the time specified and be framed to the appropriate framing guidelines
- Artwork will hang in the Capitol for **the entire year** of the exhibition and cannot be returned to students earlier. Students, therefore, should 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
- **Please submit TWO copies of the Student Release Form, signed by both the teacher and the student, with your artwork.**
- **Please attach hanging wire to the back of all artwork for the Long Island exhibit.**
- Each entry must be an original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S copyright laws.
 - Note: Any entry which has been reproduced from an existing photo, painting, graphic, advertisement or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and **will not** be accepted.
- The final decision regarding the suitability of all artwork for the exhibition in the Capitol will be made by panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol.

Framing Guidelines

- All works, **when framed**, should be **no larger** than 30 inches high, 30 inches wide, and 4 inches deep including the outside dimensions of the frame.
- If the artwork is abstract in design, please indicate on the back side which side is up with arrows.
- **Please put a large adhesive label on the back of the artwork and submit two copies of the student release form with the work.** The label should include this information:

Adhesive Label to be placed on back of artwork (label information should be typed)

Member Name:
State and District:
Title of Piece:
Medium:
Student Name:
Student Address and Phone Number

Suitability Guidelines

- As outlined in these guidelines, the final decision regarding suitability for exhibition in the Capitol is left to a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. While it is not the intent to censor any artwork, we do wish to avoid artwork that is potentially inappropriate for display in the Capitol.
- 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. It is necessary that all artwork be reviewed by the panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol and any portions not in consonance with the Commission's policy will be omitted from the exhibit.