



DR. DAN BENISHEK

Congressman for Michigan's First District

2014 Congressional Art Competition

*Information, Entry Forms, Important Dates, and
Regulations*

Dear Artist,

*Please read all of the
enclosed information and
follow the instructions for
submitting art into the 2014
Congressional Art
Competition. If you do not
follow the instructions, your
entry may be disqualified
from the contest.*

*All entries must be
submitted by **Friday, April
25, 2014.***



2013 First District Congressional Art Contest Winner
Joan Stacey
Escanaba High School

2014 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

U.S. Representative Dan Benishek M.D.
Michigan's First Congressional District

514 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-2201
www.benishek.house.gov

How to Enter Artwork

Students can enter artwork in two ways. Artwork can be submitted electronically (OPTION #1) or artwork can be submitted via mail (OPTION #2). Please carefully review the procedure below before submitting artwork.

All artwork must be submitted (postmarked) by **FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2014**

■ OPTION #1: How to submit artwork electronically:

1. An individual seeking to submit art must photograph their artwork and save it as a digital file
2. Email the digital file to the following email address: benishekart@mail.house.gov
3. Make email subject line "Congressional Art Contest Entry" and include the ① name of the applicant ② address of the applicant ③ name of the applicant's school ④ name of teacher in the body of the email.
4. Once sent, the images will be processed by Rep. Benishek's staff for judging.
5. Individuals who enter will receive an email response informing them that their art has been received and processed.

■ OPTION #2: How to submit artwork by mail:

1. Carefully package your framed artwork into a box that is fit for shipping via mail. Artists are strongly encouraged to purchase insurance and tracking on their packages.
2. Include inside the package the following information: ① name of the applicant ② address of the applicant ③ name of the applicant's school ④ name of teacher
3. Mail your artwork to the address below:

**U.S. Congressman Dan Benishek
ATTN: Congressional Art Competition
1349 S. Otsego Ave, Ste 7A
Gaylord, MI 49735**

4. Once received by Rep. Benishek's staff, you will receive a confirmation email stating that your art has been received and processed.

******Note: Applicants are encouraged to insure and track their packages. Rep. Benishek's Office is not responsible for artwork that is lost or damaged in shipping.***

Contest Guidelines

The competition is open to high school students only. Exceptions may be made for schools that have 7th through 12th grades on one campus.

Artwork must be two-dimensional.

Each framed artwork can be no larger than 28" x 28" x 4" (28 inches high, 28 inches wide, and 4 inches deep). If your artwork is selected as the winning piece, it must arrive framed and must still measure no larger than the above maximum dimensions. No framed piece should weigh more than 15 pounds.

Accepted mediums for the two-dimensional artwork are as follows:

- Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
- Drawings: colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal (It is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed.)
- Collages: must be two dimensional
- Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
- Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc
- Computer-generated art
- Photographs

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.

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

All artwork must be submitted by **FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2014**

Suitability Guidelines & Student Information

Suitability Guidelines

As outlined in these guidelines, the final decision regarding the suitability of all artwork for the 2014 Congressional Art Competition exhibition in the Capitol will be made by 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 this highly travelled area leading to 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 portion not in consonance with the Commission's policy will be omitted from the exhibit.

Winning Student Information and Release Form (a copy of the form is at the end of this packet)

The winning student must submit a Student Information and Release Form. The Student Information and Release Form is available at the end of this packet. The information requested on the first page of the form should be provided as thoroughly as possible. Students should list their mailing addresses, if they differ from their home addresses. The form requires a description of the artwork, which should be detailed, clearly identifying the major elements of the work. For example, "self-portrait" or "a picture of two people" would be unacceptable, due to the large number of works that would fit that description.

The following is an example of an acceptable description: "A painting of two people; the one on the left wears a green sweater and khaki pants; the one on the right wears a black shirt and a striped skirt. A dog sits at their feet."

The second page of the Student Information and Release Form contains a legal release and a certification that the artwork is original in design and execution. The student, an art teacher, and a parent or guardian must sign where appropriate.

A **TYPED** copy of the Student Information and Release Form, signed by the teacher, a parent or guardian, and the student, **must be** securely attached to the back of the artwork to certify the originality of the piece. Please retain a copy for your records.



Judging Process

All artwork must be submitted by **FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2014**

To ensure a 100% fair and transparent judging process, Dr. Benishek has put together a panel of judges who will select the winner of the 2014 Congressional Art Competition in the First District.

The panel of judges will be comprised of Northern Michigan residents who have recognized art credentials and are part of the arts community in Michigan's First District.

Following the submission deadline, the judging panel will review the entries. Each entry will be able to be awarded up to five points from each judge. The entry with the overall highest score shall be named the winning entry.

The student winner will be notified in the early part of May 2014.

Helpful Hints for Your Art Entry

- Remember, your artwork can be no larger than 28" x 28" x 4" (28inches high, 28 inches wide, and 4 inches deep).
- Artwork must be two-dimensional.
- Your entry must be your own design and creation. Be original.
- Remember, the first impression a judge has of your entry is a lasting one.
- Most important—have fun and good luck!

If you have any questions regarding the Congressional Art Competition, please contact Denise Pallarito by calling 231-622-4393 or by emailing her at denise.pallarito@mail.house.gov

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Student Information & Release Form

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

MEMBER/DISTRICT INFORMATION

MEMBER OF CONGRESS NAME:

STATE:

STUDENT INFORMATION

NAME:

GRADE:

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP:

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT):

STUDENT EMAIL:

T-SHIRT SIZE:

PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME(S):

PARENT PHONE:

PARENT WORK PHONE:

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.

FRAMED DIMENSIONS: Height: _____ inches Width: _____ inches Depth: _____ inches

See official guidelines for framed size and artwork weight restrictions.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE RELEASE FORM ON PAGE 2.

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Student Information & Release Form

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)	
STUDENT NAME:	STATE:
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.	
<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> STUDENT SIGNATURE	<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> ART TEACHER SIGNATURE

ARTWORK RELEASE	
<p>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 <i>An Artistic Discovery</i> (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, for a period of two years from the latest date on this form. The undersigned acknowledge that the final decision regarding the suitability of an art entry to be displayed in the Capitol will be made by a House panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. The undersigned also grant the Member, the House, their employees and agents, and the United States the right to reproduce the art entry for any non-commercial purpose. The undersigned further release the Member, the House, their employees and agents, and the United States 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, and the United States 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.</p>	
<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> STUDENT SIGNATURE	<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (IF UNDER 18)

MEMBER APPROVAL (FOR OVERALL WINNER ONLY)	
I have viewed the above-signed student's artwork and approve of its content. I understand that by signing this form I am supporting this artwork and am responsible for its content.	
<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> MEMBER SIGNATURE	<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> PRINT DISTRICT OFFICE CONTACT NAME
	<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> PRINT DC OFFICE CONTACT NAME