
2018 Congressional Art Competition

Each spring, the Congressional Institute sponsors a nationwide high school visual art competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent in each congressional district.

Students submit entries to their representative's office, and a panel of local artists and the representative select the winning entry. The First place winner is recognized both in their district and at an annual awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., where the winning work is displayed for one year at the U.S. Capitol. Prizes are also awarded for Second and Third place winners.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- April 6:** Deadline to submit entries to Congresswoman DeGette's District Office.
- April 16 – 20:** Entries are displayed in a designated venue for viewing.
- April 23:** Reception and announcement of First, Second, and Third place winners.

RULES:

- Artwork must be two-dimensional. Accepted media include:
 - **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, silkscreens, block prints
 - **Mixed media:** use of more than two media such as pencil, ink, watercolor, *etc.*
 - **Computer-generated art**
 - **Photographs**
- Artwork can be no larger than 26 inches high, 26 inches wide, and 4 inches deep, including the required frame (wood or metal).
- No artwork should weigh more than 15 pounds, including the required frame.
- Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate U.S. copyright laws.
- 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.
- Each entrant must submit a student information and release form.
- Participants must be in the equivalent of the 9th to 12th grades to enter the competition.