

Dear Friend,

In congressional districts across the country, Members of the U.S. House of Representatives seek submissions of art from high school students (as well as 7th and 8th grade students sharing campuses with high schools) representing the rich tapestry of expression that typifies our congressional district.

The Congressional Art Competition is an opportunity to recognize and encourage the artistic talent of students around the nation and is open to students who live in or attend school in New York's 13th congressional district.

The winner of this year's competition will have their work displayed for one year in the Capitol of the United States. Once a winner has been selected, my office will provide transportation to Washington, D.C. for the individual and one family member to attend a reception and tour of the Capitol.

The year-long exhibit will include artwork from contest winners from each congressional district. Due to robust interest and participation, students selected as second, third and fourth place winners will have their artwork displayed for one year in my Washington, D.C. and New York district offices. The date and location for a local reception to host participants and their families will be announced soon.

The original artwork may include submissions of paintings, drawings, collages and photography. Please click <u>here</u> to review the complete list of rules and regulations for the 2018 competition for students and teachers.

Entries for this year's competition must be submitted to my office via email to EspaillArt.Competition@mail.house.gov. We ask that each entrant submit only ONE original artwork per submission.

The deadline for submission is May 2, 2018.

The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 as an opportunity for Members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their constituents. Since the Congressional Art Competition began, nearly 1 million high school students have participated nationwide.

If you would like to learn more about the 2018 Congressional District Art Competition or have questions about this year's deadline, please reference the forms below or feel free to call my **Washington, D.C. office** at 202-225-4365 or my **Harlem, N.Y. office** at 212-663-3900 for more information.

2018 Student Release Form 2018 Rules and Regulations for Students and Teachers

Thank you and good luck,

Representative Adriano Espaillat

Member of Congress

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