



"An Artistic Discovery" 2017 Congressional Art Competition Guidelines

General Guidelines

- "An Artistic Discovery," the 2017 Congressional Art Competition is a nationwide art competition open to high school students only. Exceptions may be made for schools that have 7th through 12th grades on one campus. This competition is sponsored by Members of Congress through competitions held in their congressional districts and affords creative high school students the opportunity to showcase their talents across the 7th District as well as in Washington, D.C.
- Entries will be accepted through Congressman Duffy's offices for residents of Wisconsin's 7th District.
- Students may submit up to **three** total pieces of artwork. All artwork will be judged (only one award per student).
- 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 (other than student's own), painting, graphic, advertisement or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and **will not** be accepted. Submitted artwork must be the original, and not a scanned copy.
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- Awards will be chosen for the Grand Prize, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and a People's Choice Award.
Permissible media include:
 - 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
- **Size guidelines for artwork submitted for "An Artistic Discovery":**
 - Piece must be two-dimensional
 - Each piece can be **no larger** than 26" (high) x 26" (wide) x 4" (deep). ** The winning piece will be framed and must comply with dimensions, including frame. Please keep these dimensions in mind when designing your piece.
 - Artwork cannot weigh more than 15 lbs.
 - Artwork that is too heavy to be displayed via Velcro tabs should include a wire or appropriate hanger/hook for hanging.

- **Framing guidelines for “An Artistic Discovery”:**
 - Artwork submitted for this display must be ready for hanging at the art center (framed, matted, or framed and matted).
 - Lightweight pieces must be matted or mounted on stable/heavy-weight backing board.
 - Heavier pieces must have hooks, wire, or an appropriately sturdy hanger installed.
 - Framed artwork must also include a wire for hanging. The **winning** artwork will be appropriately framed prior to being sent to the Capitol. (We will help with this process)
 - You should consider providing a piece of plexiglas or other clear (non-glass) covering to protect your artwork. Pieces utilizing delicate mediums (i.e., Pastels) should be appropriately fixed to avoid damage.
 - If the artwork is abstract in design, please indicate with arrows on the back side which direction is up. Use the provided labels to identify artwork.

- **Suitability Guidelines for “An Artistic Discovery”:**
 - 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, gruesome, or violent 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.
 - 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.

- A copy of the Student Release Form, signed by the teacher, student, and parent/guardian, must be submitted with each artwork to certify the originality of the piece. (This form may be copied, or additional forms may be requested from the Wausau District Office). Also, please complete and attach the provided label form to each piece of art, oriented as the piece should be displayed.

- Artwork must be submitted to the Constituent Service Office at 208 Grand Avenue, Wausau, WI 54403 or hand-delivered to the Hudson Office located at 502 2nd Street, Ste. 202 in Hudson WI. Final deadline is **5:00 pm, Thursday, April 20th**. (This deadline has been extended)

- All entries will be displayed at the Center for Visual Arts in Wausau during the months of June and July.

- The winning entries will be announced at a date yet to be determined by Congressman Duffy.

- The **Grand Prize Winning Artwork** will hang in the Capitol for **the entire year** of the exhibition and cannot be returned to the student earlier. Students, therefore, should submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.

- The **Grand Prize Artist** will also receive two free round-trip fares to attend the national winners’ reception in Washington, D.C. and will be eligible for a \$3000 scholarship to an art and design college.

- The 1st Prize Winning artwork will hang in the Wausau District Office, 2nd Place Winner will hang in the Hudson District Office and the 3rd Place Winner will hang in the Hayward Office for one year. The People’s Choice Award winning piece will hang in Congressman Duffy’s Washington, DC Office.

- Every effort will be made to deliver artwork back to the school in the week following the exhibit. You may also make prior arrangements to pick up your artwork in Congressman Duffy’s District Offices.

Note: Guidelines, Art Label Forms, Important Dates, Student Release Forms, and other information regarding the 2017 Congressional Art Competition may be obtained by contacting maggie.cronin@mail.house.gov or by calling 715-298-9344.

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