



2018 Congressional Art Competition: Rules and Guidelines for Participation

- The Congressional Art Competition is open to high school students in grades 9-12 only.
- A **photograph** of the final entry, along with a Student Information/Release Form, must be received at either the Abingdon or Christiansburg office by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 20. Entries received following the deadline will not be accepted.
- Submitted entries should reflect the theme, “Mountains, Music and Mystery of the 9th District.”
- Artwork must be two-dimensional and cannot weigh more than 15 pounds, including the frame.
- Each piece can be **no larger** than 26” x 26” x 4” (26 inches high, 26 inches wide, and 4 inches deep), including the frame. If your artwork is selected as the winning piece, it will be required to be framed and must adhere to the size guidelines.
- 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.
- There is no limit on the number of submissions per student; however, only one entry per student can be selected as a winner.
- Artwork will hang in the Capitol for the **entire year** of the exhibition and **cannot** be returned to the students earlier. Therefore, students should submit artwork they will not otherwise need.
- If your artwork has been selected, you will be notified by Congressman Griffith’s staff concerning when the award ceremony that will be held.

For assistance, please contact Morgan O’Quinn at (276) 525-1405 or by email at morgan.oquinn@mail.house.gov.