



## 2020 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 Monday, April 27. Entries received following the deadline will not be accepted.
- Submitted entries should reflect the theme, “Rhythm of the Ninth.”
- Artwork must be two-dimensional and cannot weigh more than 15 lbs.
- 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:
  - o Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
  - o Drawings: colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal (It is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed.)
  - o Collage: must be two dimensional
  - o Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
  - o Mixed Media: use of more than two medias such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
  - o Computer-generated art
  - o 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. Therefore, students should submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.
- 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.
- If your artwork has been selected, you will be notified by Congressman Griffith’s staff concerning the award ceremony that will take place on May 11.
- For assistance, please contact John Bebbler or Tammie Bebout at (276) 525-1405 or by email at [john.bebber@mail.house.gov](mailto:john.bebber@mail.house.gov) or [tammie.bebout@mail.house.gov](mailto:tammie.bebout@mail.house.gov).