

2011 Congressional Art Competition Rules and Guidelines to Participate

The Congressional Art Competition is open to all high school students in grades 9 – 12 who live in Virginia's 5th Congressional District.

The dimensions for the artwork are as follows: it cannot exceed 28 inches high by 28 inches wide by 4 inches deep (28" x 28" x 4"), and weigh no more than 15 pounds, once it is framed. In addition, artwork must be two-dimensional. The artwork does not need to be framed unless it is chosen as the winner.

The media accepted for the artwork is as follows:

- Paintings - oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
- Drawings - pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, and markers
- Collage
- Prints - lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
- Mixed Media - use of more than two media such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
- Computer-Generated Art
- Photography

Artwork entries must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo (other than the 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. Work entered must be in the original medium (that is, not a scanned reproduction of a painting or drawing).

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

The 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 charged by the Architect of the Capitol and any portion not in consonance with the Commission's policy will be omitted from the exhibit. The panel will make the final decision regarding the suitability of all artwork for the Congressional Art Competition exhibition in the Capitol.

The artwork, along with the Student Information and Release Form (which can be obtained from my website at www.hurt.house.gov), must be received by **Friday, April 15, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.** at one of Congressman Hurt's district offices. The artwork and form should be delivered to either the Danville or Charlottesville office during office hours. In addition, both district offices will open on Saturday, April 9, 2011, from 9:00 to Noon, to accept artwork as well.

Danville District Office
308 Craghead Street, Suite 102-D
Danville, VA 24541
(434)791-2596
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Charlottesville District Office
686 Berkmar Circle
Charlottesville, VA 22901
(434)973-9631
8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Entries will be judged by community members in the 5th District. Congressman Hurt's staff will notify you by telephone in early May if you are the overall winner, placed in the competition or received an honorable mention. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my Danville office at (434)791-2596.
Good luck!