



2015 Congressional Art Competition Rules and Guidelines

Our Congressional Art Competition is open to all high school students who live in Virginia's 5th Congressional District. The theme for our district's contest is ***Landscapes of Virginia*** and the deadline for entries is **Wednesday, April 15, 2015**.

All art entries must be original, two-dimensional, no larger than 28" H x 28" W x 4" D, and weigh less than 15 pounds, including the frame. Frames are **not** required for submission in our contest, but if your art is chosen as the winner, you will need to have it framed in a timely manner for displaying in Washington. In addition, entries must adhere to our district's theme of ***Landscapes of Virginia***.

The media accepted for the contest is as follows:

- Paintings - oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
- Drawings - colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, and charcoal
- Collage – must be two-dimensional
- Prints - lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
- Mixed Media - use of more than two media such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
- Computer-generated art
- Photography

The art 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. Artwork entered must be in the original medium (that is, not a scanned reproduction of a painting or drawing).

The art entries 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 compliance 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.

Our contest winner's art will hang in the U. S. Capitol tunnel 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. In addition, a reception will be held for all nationwide winners in Washington during the summer.

The art entry and the Student Release Form, which can be obtained from our website at <http://hurt.house.gov/art-competition>, should be delivered to our Charlottesville or Danville district office by the deadline of Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. Please call the office before delivering your artwork.

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

The entries will be judged by our Art Competition Committee which is comprised of art instructors, artists, photographers, and other community members. Our office will notify students in May with the results of the contest. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Denise Van Valkenburg in our Danville office at (434)791-2596 or by email at denise.vanvalkenburg@mail.house.gov. We look forward to your participation and good luck!