

2012 Congressional Art Competition Rules and Guidelines

The Congressional Art Competition is open to all high school students in grades 9-12 who live in Virginia's 5th Congressional District. The theme for our district's competition is *Virginia's Heritage*.

All artwork entered must be framed, two-dimensional, no larger than 28 inches high by 28 inches wide by 4 inches deep (28"x28"x4") and weigh less than 15 pounds. Frames should be either metal or wood and kept as simple as possible. No "snap on" frames with glass are to be used. All artwork, except works in oil or acrylic on canvas, must be protected by Plexiglass or glass. In addition, entries must adhere to our district's theme of *Virginia's Heritage*.

The media accepted for the artwork is as follows:

- Paintings - oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
- Drawings - pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, and markers
- 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 artwork 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 artwork 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 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 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, there will be a reception for all district winners in Washington after the Competition.

The framed artwork, along with the Student Information and Release Form, which can be obtained from our website at hurt.house.gov, must be received at one of our district offices by **April 25, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.**

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

Farmville District Office
515 South Main Street
Farmville, VA 23909
(434)395-0120
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Entries will be judged by our Art Competition Committee which is comprised of art instructors and other community members in the 5th District. Our office will notify you in May of the results of the competition. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Danville office at (434)791-2596. Good luck!