

CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION OFFICIAL RULES AND GUIDELINES

CONTEST RULES

1. **Students must be residents of the 4th Congressional District.** Please refer to the enclosed map of the district or call my office at (414) 297-1140 if you are not certain if your student is a resident.
2. **The contest is open to students in grades 9-12.**
3. **Artwork may not exceed 30 inches by 30 inches when it is framed.** Artwork can be no more than 4 inches in depth. These are guidelines provided by the Congressional Arts Caucus - winning artwork that exceeds these dimensions when framed cannot be exhibited in the U.S. Capitol. Please note: the artwork should be **submitted unframed**. Entries should be matted or submitted in a form suitable for framing. If possible, oil paintings should come wired for hanging.
4. **All artwork must be two-dimensional, and must fall within the following categories:**
 - Paintings (oil, acrylics, watercolors, etc.)
 - Drawings (pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers, etc.)
 - Collages (must be two dimensional)
 - Prints (lithographs, silk screens, block prints, etc.)
 - Mixed Media
 - Computer Generated Art
 - Photography
5. **Entry must be original in concept, design and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws.** Please note: Any entry which has been reproduced from an existing photo, painting, or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the Competition Rules and **will not** be accepted.
6. **All artwork should be titled, and submitted with a 3" x 5" index card affixed to the back.** Artwork must be identified with the following information:
 - Student's name
 - School
 - Grade in school
 - Instructor's name
 - Title of the piece
7. **Congresswoman Moore's office is not responsible for any damage or loss of artwork.**
8. **Each student will be allowed one entry for judging.** Any additional entries may be displayed if space is available, but will be excluded from judging.

- 9. One first place winner, one second place winner, one third place winner, and four honorable mention awards will be presented.**
- 10. The winning artwork will be professionally framed at no cost to the student.**
- 11. The winner agrees to allow the winning piece to be sent to Washington, D.C., to remain on exhibit for one year.**
- 12. All artwork will be on display to the public and should be suitable for public audiences.**
The decision regarding the display of the winning artwork rests with the Architect of the U.S. Capitol. Work which depicts subjects of contemporary political controversy or a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed.
- 13. Students (or their teachers) are responsible for delivering artwork to Congresswoman Moore's Milwaukee office at 219 N. Milwaukee Street, Suite 3A, prior to judging, and picking up artwork from the offices after the exhibition.**

GUIDELINES FOR JUDGING ENTRIES

Artworks entered in the Congressional Art Competition will be judged on the following criteria:

- a. Creativity of concept
- b. Originality of execution of work
- c. Artistic skill
- d. Suitability for display

The physical appearance of the entries must conform to the rules above. Artworks that do not conform will be disqualified from the judging.