



2012 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION GUIDELINES

General Guidelines

- Artwork will be accepted in one of Congressman Platts' district offices through May 4, 2012
- The competition is open to high school students only
- In order to allow artwork to hang in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol, the following restrictions are enforced:
 - All (winning) artwork must be framed according to the appropriate framing guidelines—see note under Framing Guidelines.
 - Artwork must conform to the restrictions:
 - Artwork must be two-dimensional
 - Each piece can be **no larger** than 28"x 28"x 4" (28 inches high, 28 inches wide, and 4 inches deep) including the frame. Artwork cannot weigh more than 15 lbs.
- Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. Any entry which has been copied from an existing photo (not 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).
- Artwork will hang in the Capitol for **the entire year** of the exhibition and **cannot** be returned to students earlier. Students, therefore, should submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.
- Artwork categories are as follows:
 - Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
 - Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers
 - Collage: must be two dimensional
 - Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
 - Mixed media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, etc.
 - Computer generated art
 - Photography
- A **TYPED** copy of the Student Release form, signed by both the teacher and the student, must be attached to the back of the artwork to certify the originality of the piece. (Student Release form is available at the bottom of this page. The form can be filled in on the computer and printed for submission.)
- The final decision regarding the suitability of all artwork for the 2012 Congressional Art Competition exhibition in the Capitol will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. 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.
- A typed and securely affixed large label with the following information must be applied to the back of each piece:
 - Student Name, Address, and Phone No.
 - Title:
 - Medium:
 - U.S. Representative Todd R. Platts (PA 19)