

Congressional Art Competition

2009 Congressional Art Competition Guidelines

Every spring we launch a district-wide Congressional Art Competition to discover and celebrate talented high school artists and their work.

High school students from throughout the 14th Congressional District are invited to participate in this event by submitting their works of art to Congresswoman Eshoo's Palo Alto office by May 11th (specific guidelines can be found below).

The artist, whose work is chosen by a panel of distinguished local artists, has the distinction of having his or her artwork displayed in the corridors of our nation's Capitol, on view for the many thousands of visitors who walk through the hall daily. The winner also has an opportunity to meet with other similarly talented young artists at the unveiling of their works in Washington, D.C.

Specific Guidelines

- Artwork must conform to the restrictions:
- Artwork must be two-dimensional
- Each piece can be no larger than 30" x 30" x 4" (30 inches high, 30 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 reproduced 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.

- A TYPED copy of the Student Release form , signed by both the teacher and the student, must be attached to the artwork to certify the originality of the piece.
Artwork must be submitted to Congresswoman Eshoo's Palo Alto office by May 11th.

- 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

The final decision regarding the suitability of all artwork for the 2009 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.

If you have any questions regarding the arts competition, please contact our Palo Alto District Office .