



James P. McGovern

Second Congressional District of Massachusetts

2015 Congressional Art Competition

Dear Teacher,

Each spring, a nation-wide high school art competition is sponsored by the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 and is a unique opportunity to showcase the artistic talents of high school students around the nation and within the 2nd Congressional District. Since its inception, over 650,000 high school students have been involved with this nationwide competition. The Congressional Art Competition is an opportunity to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the nation, as well as in each Congressional District.

The Congressional Art Competition, sponsored by my office, is open to all high school students attending a high school located in the 2nd Congressional District of Massachusetts. The piece that is judged the overall winner of our District's competition will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol. The exhibit in Washington will also include artwork from other competition winners nation-wide. Two roundtrip airline tickets are provided to the winner and a guest to attend the national reception in Washington, D.C. Category prize winners' artwork may be requested to be displayed in my district offices for one year.

Artwork must be dropped off at one of my district offices by 4:30 pm, Friday, March 27th, 2015

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All qualified entries will be on exhibit at the Leominster City Hall, 25 West Street, Leominster, MA 01453 on April 9, 2015 from 8:30 to 5:30 and April 10, 2015, from 8:30-4:00. There will be a reception for all entrants from 1 – 3 pm on Saturday, April 11th at Leominster City Hall. Pieces will be judged by a panel of local artists and winners will be announced at 2 pm.

Art will be judged in the following categories:

- Painting (Oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.)
- Drawings (colored pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal)
- Computer-generated art
- Photography
- Prints/Collage (must be two dimensional)/Mixed Media (use of more than two mediums)

I recently sent you an email that included an informational packet with details, guidelines and requirements along with a link by which you can access the forms online. If you did not receive this email or if you have any questions, please contact Eladia Romero at 978-466-3552 or eladia.romero@mail.house.gov or Nic Guerra at 508-831-7356 or nicolas.guerra@mail.house.gov.

I look forward to the participation of your students and I look forward to seeing all of their great artwork.

Sincerely,

James P. McGovern
Member of Congress



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Hosted in the City of Leominster

- General Information
- Timeline
- Student Checklist
- Student Information/Release Form

This packet provides information on how to enter your selected pieces of artwork for the 2015 Congressional Art Competition. Your art must comply with the enclosed guidelines and specifications in order to be accepted.

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- 1. the Student Release Form affixed to the back and**
- 2. a copy of the first page of the Student Release form**

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General Guidelines

The 2015 Congressional Art Competition is open to high school students attending a high school located within the Massachusetts 2nd Congressional district.

Artwork **must** be two-dimensional.

Each piece can be **no larger** than 28” high x 28” wide x 4” deep **including the frame**. No framed piece should weigh more than 15 pounds.

Artwork accepted mediums are as follows:

- Painting (Oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.)
- Drawings (colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal. It is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed.)
- Collage (must be two dimensional)
- Prints (lithographs, silkscreen, block prints)
- Computer-generated art
- Photography
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Drop off Artwork – Teachers must drop off artwork no later than 4:30 pm, Friday, March 27th.

Pick Up Artwork – Teachers must pick up artwork Wednesday, April 15 – Wednesday, April 22 between 9am and 4:30pm at the district office which the artwork was dropped off.

Each piece of art must have a completed Student Information/Release Form affixed to the back of the artwork. A copy of the first page of the Student Release Form must be provided to my office at drop off.



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Entries must be **original** in concept, design, and execution. It must be in the original medium (not a scanned reproduction of a painting or drawing).

The work may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. Any entry that 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.

Suitability Guidelines

As outlined in these guidelines, the final decision regarding the suitability of all artwork for the 2015 Congressional Art Competition exhibition in the Capitol will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. While it is not the intent to censor any artwork, we do wish to avoid artwork that is potentially inappropriate for display in this highly travelled area leading to 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

Prizes

The piece that is judged the overall winner of the Massachusetts 2nd Congressional District's competition will be displayed for **one year** in the U.S. Capitol and **cannot** be returned to the students earlier. **Students should, therefore, submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.**

Category prize winners' artwork may be requested to be displayed in my district offices for one year.

Two roundtrip airline tickets are provided to the overall winner and a guest to attend the national reception in Washington D.C.

The overall winner in the Massachusetts 2nd Congressional District Congressional Art Competition may be eligible to receive a minimum Savannah College of Art and Design scholarship of \$3,000 per year, should they apply and be accepted for admission.



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Timeline

Friday, March 27th 4:30 pm	Artwork must be dropped off by your teacher no later than 4:30 pm
Thursday, April 9, 8:30-5:30pm Friday, April 10, 8:30-4:00pm	Artwork on display in Leominster City Hall
Saturday, April 11 1 – 3 pm	Artist Reception with Congressman Jim McGovern at Leominster City Hall
Wednesday, April 15 – Wednesday, April 22 between 9 am and 4:30 pm	Pick up artwork at a District Office
TBD	National reception in Washington, DC, for the overall winner



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Student Checklist

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- I am a high school student (grades 9-12).
- I attend a high school located in the Massachusetts 2nd Congressional District.
- I have completed the release form and attached it to the back of my artwork.
- The release form has been signed by myself, my parent/guardian, and my teacher.
- I have made a copy of the first page of the Student Release Form to provide to your office when my artwork is delivered by my teacher.

My artwork:

- Is two dimensional
- Weighs less than 15 pounds when framed
- Is no larger than 28" high x 28" wide x 4" deep **when framed**
- Is in one of the following mediums:
 - Painting (oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.)
 - Drawings (colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal)
 - Collage (must be two dimensional)
 - Prints (lithographs, silkscreen, block prints)
 - Computer-generated art
 - Photography
 - Mixed Media (use of more than two mediums listed above)
- Is **original** in concept, design, and execution and in the original medium
- Meets the suitability guidelines detailed in this document
- Does not violate U.S. Copyright Laws

Artwork that does not meet these requirements will not be accepted.



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Student Information and Release Form

- Each entrant must submit a **TYPED** Student Information and Release Form.
- Students should list their mailing addresses, if different from their residential addresses.
- The form requires a description of the artwork, which should be detailed, clearly identifying the major elements of the work.
 - “A painting of two people; the one on the left wears a green sweater and khaki pants; the one on the right wears a black shirt and a striped skirt. A dog sits at their feet” is an example of an acceptable description.
- The second page of the Student Information and Release Form contains a legal release and a certification that the artwork is original in design and execution.
- The student, an art teacher, and a parent or guardian must sign where appropriate. Entries without signed originality certifications and artwork releases may not be accepted.
- A **TYPED** copy of the Student Release Form, signed by the teacher, a parent or guardian, and the student, **must** be securely attached to the back of the artwork to certify the originality of the piece.
- **A copy of the first page of the Student Release Form** must be provided to my office at drop off.

You can find the online student release form here: <http://mcgovern.house.gov/services/art-competition>

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Student Information & Release Form

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. THIS INFORMATION IS USED FOR CERTIFICATES AND AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS.
INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

MEMBER/DISTRICT INFORMATION	
MEMBER OF CONGRESS NAME:	STATE & DISTRICT:

STUDENT INFORMATION		
NAME:	GRADE:	
STREET ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT):		
STUDENT EMAIL:	STUDENT PHONE (CELL):	
T-SHIRT SIZE:		
PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME(S):		
PARENT PHONE (HOME):	PARENT PHONE (WORK or CELL):	

SCHOOL		
SCHOOL NAME:		
STREET ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
ART TEACHER NAME:		
ART TEACHER PHONE:	ART TEACHER EMAIL:	

ART COMPETITION ENTRY
TITLE OF ENTRY:
MEDIUM:
DESCRIPTION:
Please include a detailed description of the artwork, clearly identifying the major elements of the piece.
For office use only: FRAMED DIMENSIONS: Height: _____ inches Width: _____ inches Depth: _____ inches See official guidelines for framed size and artwork weight restrictions.

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STUDENT NAME:	STATE & DISTRICT:
TITLE OF ENTRY:	

ORIGINALITY CERTIFICATION	
I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the art entry described above is an original work of authorship by the undersigned student and that it is not copied from, nor does it include, any other person's copyrighted work.	
<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> STUDENT SIGNATURE	<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> ART TEACHER SIGNATURE

ARTWORK RELEASE	
<p>We, the undersigned, represent that the art entry described above is an original work of authorship personally created by the undersigned student to which the student is entitled copyright protection. In consideration for the acceptance of the art entry by the Member of Congress designated above in <i>An Artistic Discovery</i> (the Congressional Art Competition sponsored by the U.S. House of Representatives) and intending to be legally bound hereby, the undersigned grant the Member and the House the right to publicly display the art entry, if it is selected for display, in accordance with the rules of the Art Competition, for a period of two years from the latest date on this form. The undersigned acknowledge that the final decision regarding the suitability of an art entry to be displayed in the Capitol will be made by a House panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. The undersigned also grant the Member, the House, their employees and agents, the United States, and the Congressional Institute, Inc., and its employees, the right to reproduce the art entry for any non-commercial purpose. The undersigned further release the Member, the House, their employees and agents, the United States, and the Congressional Institute, Inc., and its employees, from any and all liability for damage, loss, or misappropriation of the art entry during and subsequent to the Art Competition. The undersigned further agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Member, the House, their employees and agents, the United States, and the Congressional Institute, Inc., and its employees, against any and all claims of any nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to, claims of copyright infringement, by any party whatsoever, arising out of or in any way related to the submission of the art entry in the Art Competition.</p>	
<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> STUDENT SIGNATURE	<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (IF UNDER 18)

MEMBER APPROVAL (FOR OVERALL WINNER ONLY)	
I have viewed the above-signed student's artwork and approve of its content. I understand that by signing this form I am supporting this artwork and am responsible for its content.	
<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> MEMBER SIGNATURE	<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> PRINT DISTRICT OFFICE CONTACT NAME <hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> PRINT DC OFFICE CONTACT NAME