

U.S. CONGRESSMAN GARRET GRAVES (LA-06) 2020 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Important Dates

- Participants must email a high-quality photo of their artwork along with their submission form to Jonathan Smith in Congressman Graves' District Office no later than 5:00pm on May 15, 2020. The contact info for our office is:

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- The winner will be selected at Congressman Graves' District Office in Baton Rouge. The winner of the contest will be determined by a panel of local artist-judges.

General Guidelines

- The competition is only open to high school students from the 6th Congressional District of Louisiana.
- **The winner of the contest will receive two complimentary round trip airline tickets to Washington, DC.** The tickets can be redeemed for any flight to Washington (BWI Airport) between July 1st and July 31st. However, taking this trip is not a requirement, and the winner and/or their guests will be responsible **for all incurred lodging and meal expenses while in Washington**.
- Information on the Congressional Art Competition can be found at:
http://www.house.gov/content/educate/art_competition/
- In order to allow artwork to hang in the U.S. Capitol, the following restrictions are enforced:
 - All artwork **must be framed** according to the appropriate framing guidelines.**
 - Artwork must conform to the restrictions:
 - Artwork must be two-dimensional
 - Each piece can be **no larger** than 26" x 26" x 4" (26 inches high, 26 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.
- 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
 - Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
 - Mixed Media: use of more than two medias such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
 - Computer-Generated Art
 - Photography
- The final decision regarding the suitability of all artwork for the 2020 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.

**The student is responsible for making sure that artwork they submit is framed and in accordance with framing guidelines. If artwork does not meet guidelines the student may face disqualification.