

2020 4th Congressional District Art Competition Rules

General Guidelines

- The competition is open only to high school students who reside in New Jersey's Fourth Congressional District. [Towns in the Fourth District](#).
- One entry per student. No joint collaborations done by multiple students. All work must be original by the student. To be eligible for Best-in-Show, artwork derived from a photograph **MUST** be done from a photograph taken by the student artist, and artwork may be no larger than 26 inches by 26 inches and 4 inches deep, including frame.
- All work must include a **TYPED** copy of the Student Release form, signed by both the teacher or parent as well as the student, and must be securely taped to the **BACK** of artwork to certify the originality of the piece.
- Please provide a clear, high resolution digital photograph of each piece of artwork submitted which can be used for public release purposes for the winners. The title of the electronic file should reflect student's name.
- The winning entry will hang in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol. The winning artwork must hang 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, or make reproductions for those purposes.
- Entries must follow general suitability rules, including no political controversy, gruesomeness or sensationalism, as presented by the Congressional Institute in its [2020 Rules and Regulations for Students and Teachers](#).

Students from Same School

- One piece of artwork allowed per student; however, there is no limit to the number of entries from each school.
- **Each school is asked to provide a typed list of all submitted artwork.** The [school list form](#) needs to include: 1) each student's name, 2) grade, 3) title of the piece, and 4) medium/media. This list will be used to prepare the certificates to be presented at the close of the competition in the first week of May. In addition, please indicate willingness to sell the artwork including requested sale price, if prints are available and cost of print. The gallery director will address any interest in purchasing artwork.

Framing Guidelines

- **ALL artwork must be framed, wired and ready to be hung when dropped off Monday, March 30.** All wires must be already attached to eye hooks, approximately one-fourth from the top of the frame. **NO CLIPS, HOOKS or other hanging mechanisms.** Frames can be kept as simple and as sturdy as possible. Artists are responsible for framing their art.
- If the artwork is abstract in design, **please indicate on the backside which side is "up" with arrows.**

Timeline & Deadlines

- A student, parent or teacher must give notification of intent to submit art, including a high school's list of all artwork being submitted by its students, to the Congressional Office by close of business on **March 13, 2020**. Notifications should include student's name, school, title of artwork, phone no., email, price if for sale and emailed to Jennifer.Courtney@mail.house.gov or Nancy.Gomez@mail.house.gov. This list will be used for RWJ to produce exhibit placards and to sign in/out the artwork.
- The artwork entries should be brought to the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital–Hamilton's Lakefront Tower gallery located at One Hamilton Health Place in Hamilton Township, N.J., on **Monday, March 30, 2020**. Congressman's staff will be at the Gallery from **12 noon until 6:00 p.m.** to sign in the entries.

ON SITE DIRECTIONS: Enter through RWJ- Hamilton's main entrance near the flagpole on the first floor or through the ground floor Outpatient Services entrance in Building D. Take elevator to the first floor and go right to follow the hallway to the main entrance. The receptionist can direct to the Lakefront Tower on the first floor.

- We will give advance notification to the teachers or parents of the winning entries so arrangements can be made for winners and their family, guests and/or teachers to attend the awards event.
- The awards event and certificate presentation will be held in the first week of May at RWJ-Hamilton, immediately after which all artwork is to be signed out and taken home. **No art is to be taken prior to the conclusion of the show.**

Contact Jennifer Courtney or Nancy Gomez for more information. They may be reached at by telephone at (609) 585-7878.