Dear Students, Teachers, Principals and Administrators:

Each spring the United States House of Representatives sponsors a Congressional Art Competition for high school students. The “Artistic Discovery Competition” began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. Since then, over 650,000 high school students have been involved with the nationwide competition.

All high school students (9-12th grade) who reside in or attend school in the 12th Congressional District are encouraged to participate. The winning entry from our district will be displayed in the United States Capitol for one year alongside artwork from every congressional district across the country.

Artwork submitted must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. The art must be no larger than 28” x 28” x 4” and can be in the form of paintings (oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.), drawings (pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers), collage (must be 2 dimensional), prints (lithographs, silkscreen, block prints), mixed media, computer generated art, or photography. Please note, the artwork is not required to be framed but must be no larger than 28” x 28” x 4” when framed.

All artwork must be submitted April 13th – 15th at one of the following six drop-off locations:

- **Augusta District Office**: 2743 Perimeter Parkway, Bldg. 200, Suite 225, Augusta, GA 30909 (9 am – 5 pm)
- **Dublin High School**: 1127 Hillcrest Parkway, Dublin, GA 31021
- **Appling County High School**: 482 Blackshear Highway, Baxley, GA 31513
- **Vidalia Heritage Academy Upper School**: 207 East Second Street, Vidalia, Georgia 30474
- **Statesboro High School**: 10 Lester Rd, Statesboro, GA 30458
- **Emanuel County Institute**: 102 S College St, Twin City, GA 30471

Three award winning works of art will be selected by a distinguished panel of judges. I will announce the winners at an Awards Ceremony and Reception at the City of Waynesboro Ice Plant in Waynesboro, Georgia on May 1, 2016. The first place art work will be displayed at the US Capitol for an eleven month exhibit beginning in June, 2016. The winning student will receive two airline tickets to Washington DC, compliments of Southwest Airlines, for the national ceremony and ribbon cutting of the art exhibit. The student will also be eligible to receive an admission scholarship to the Savannah College of Art and Design, should they apply and be accepted.
Additionally, we will have a “People’s Choice Award” chosen by constituents who will have the opportunity to select their favorite work of art from postings on my Facebook page. The artwork of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd runners-up, as well as the winner of the People’s Choice Award, will be displayed in My Washington D.C. and District offices. If the People’s Choice Award is the same piece that wins the overall competition, the first place offerings apply.

We would love to have participation from every school in our district and would ask that it be limited to only one entry per student. Please contact my office for a student application/release form to be affixed on the back of the artwork when it is delivered to your drop off location.

For more information, to get the student release form or questions, please contact Christine Rhodes in our Augusta District Office: (706) 228-1980 or Christine.Rhodes@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

Rick W. Allen
Congressman, Georgia’s 12th District
2016 Congressional Art Competition
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:  □ Mr. □ Ms.    GRADE:

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY:    STATE:    ZIP:

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT):

STUDENT EMAIL:    STUDENT PHONE (CELL):

PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME(S):

PARENT PHONE (HOME):    PARENT PHONE (WORK or CELL):

PARENT EMAIL:    STUDENT T-SHIRT SIZE:

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.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE RELEASE FORM ON PAGE 2.
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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.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

ART TEACHER SIGNATURE

ARTWORK RELEASE

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 An Artistic Discovery (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.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

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.

MEMBER SIGNATURE

PRINT DISTRICT OFFICE CONTACT NAME

PRINT DC OFFICE CONTACT NAME