

Congressman Gerry Connolly's 2020 Congressional Art Competition Is Going Digital!

Virginia 11th Congressional District

As we all continue to stay home and do our best to keep ourselves and others healthy, Congressman Gerald E. Connolly invites students to participate in the **2020 Congressional Art Competition in the Virginia 11th Congressional District**.

The purpose of this competition is to offer students an opportunity to share their talents and be recognized even in difficult times. Students do not need to create artwork specifically for this competition – they can submit any piece from their portfolio. Paintings, photographs, drawings, sculptures, are just some of the pieces of artwork most commonly submitted. Feel free to think outside the box for this year's entries!

As we move forward with this year's congressional art competition, we have made several changes that will allow students to participate while also continuing to practice social distancing.

Below, are further details about how to participate. If you have any questions or concerns, or if you need assistance, please do not hesitate to call one of our offices at (703) 256-3071 or 571-408-4407.

How to enter:

- Visit our website for an application package: [Click here](#)
 - Art teacher signature: Not required.
- Submit entries to: ConnollyArtComp@gmail.com Each student can submit a maximum of two pieces
 - Each email submission should contain 3 files or attachments – a photograph of the artwork, the completed application, and a detailed description of the artwork, explaining the concept, technique, media used, size, and any other information that is relevant to judgement. You may also add up to two extra photos showing details of your creation.
 - Document names:
 - For artwork: lastname_firstname_schoolname_nameofpiece
 - For application: lastname_firstname_schoolname_app
 - For description: lastname_firstname_schoolname_description
- Entries are due: Friday, May 8, 2020.

- In past years, artwork was exhibited at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton Virginia and winners were announced at a public reception there. This year, due to the cancellation of all exhibits at the Workhouse and the need to prioritize the health of all, winners will be announced on social media platforms.
- Winning piece will be displayed at the U.S. Capitol for one year; Second place entry will be exhibited at the Workhouse Arts Gallery for a year, and with the permission of the artists, additional high-ranking pieces will be displayed in Congressman Connolly's Capitol Hill and district offices.
- Individual arrangements will be made for the collection of the Best in Show piece to be transported to DC.
 - Only the winning piece will be required to meet the established framing guidelines.