

Office of Congressman Gerry Connolly
2018 Congressional Art Competition Guidelines

General Guidelines

- The competition is open to all high school students, however only students who are legal residents of the 11th Congressional District of Virginia may submit entries through my office. Please confirm that you are a resident of the 11th District before submitting an entry to my office. **To confirm your Congressional District, feel free to contact my Fairfax and Prince William district offices.**
- **All artwork, including completed Student Information and Release Form, must be received on or before April 20, 2018. Artwork may be delivered to either of my District offices:**

Fairfax District Office
4115 Annandale Road, Suite 103
Annandale, VA 22003
(703) 256-3071

Prince William District Office
2241-D Tackett's Mill Drive
Woodbridge, VA 22192
(571) 408-4407

- **All artwork must conform to the following restrictions:**
 - All artwork must be finished, dry, and ready-to-hang
 - All pieces must include necessary hooks, wires, or other hardware for hanging.
 - Un-framed art must be cleanly mounted (strongly secured and flat) on a properly sized stiff board (foam core, carton board, paperboard, etc.).
 - Size of frame or boards must not exceed the size limitations and are considered part of the artwork.
 - 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 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.
 - Work entered must be in the original medium (that is, not a scanned reproduction of a painting or drawing).
 - Please attach a label to the back of your artwork with your name, school, and artwork title.
 - Presentation of artwork is important; this is a judged competition and framed artwork will, in many cases, appear more finished and could compete more strongly. Craftsmanship counts.
- Artwork accepted mediums are as follows:
 - Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
 - Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers
 - Collage: must be two dimensional
 - Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
 - Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
 - Computer-generated art
 - Photography
- **Each entry must be accompanied by the 2018 Congressional Student Entry and Release Form and the Workhouse Art Center Release Form.**

Exhibition and Awards

- All artwork accepted will be publically displayed at The Workhouse Art Center, McGuire Woods Gallery (Building 16), 9601 Ox Road, Lorton, VA from April 25 through May 12, 2018.
- The top five winners for the 11th Congressional District will be announced during a reception to be held in May, 2018 at The Workhouse Art Center in Lorton, Virginia.
- **The 1st place entry will hang in the United States Capitol for an entire year.**
- This piece will be delivered to the Capitol by Congressman Connolly's office and cannot be returned for one year. Students who may need a piece for an exam portfolio or other purposes should consult with Congressman Connolly's Office.
- The final decision regarding the suitability of all artwork for the 2018 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 National Art Competition Reception for all Congressional District Winners will take place in June 2018 in Washington, D.C. The exact time and location will be announced at a later date.
- Except for the winning entry which, pieces can be retrieved from the Workhouse immediately following the reception or from the office where they were submitted.

Workhouse Art Center Selection: "High School Rising Star"

- The Workhouse will select one piece of artwork to display prominently on its campus. This artwork will be selected by The Workhouse Director of Visual Arts, and will be kept as loaned artwork for approximately one year after the exhibition. Students are encouraged to consider the presentation (e.g. framing) of their artwork for the competition.
- The High School Rising Star will also be announced at the reception.
- If you do not wish your artwork to be considered for The Workhouse High School Rising Star selection, please indicate your wishes in the Opt-Out section of the Workhouse Art Center Release Form which is included in this packet.

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Student Information & Release Form

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

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

STUDENT INFORMATION		
NAME: <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

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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. The undersigned 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)

THE WORKHOUSE ART CENTER RELEASE AND OPT-OUT

We are very pleased to once again partner with The Workhouse Art Center on the Congressional Art Competition for the 11th Congressional District of Virginia. All artwork accepted will be included in a public exhibition at The Workhouse which runs from April 25, 2018 through May 12, 2018.

THE WORKHOUSE ART CENTER RELEASE

(Must be signed by student and parent for inclusion in the exhibition and Congressional Art Competition)

Lender/Artist verifies he/she owns the Work(s)-of-art being loaned and verifies that he/she has copyright(s) to all Work(s)-of-art lent for the Exhibition. The Lorton Arts Foundation retains the right to not display any work of art deemed in its sole discretion to be unsuitable for public display in a family gallery. In accordance with this policy, artwork depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or of a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed. Lender/Artist grants permission to the Lorton Arts Foundation to photograph or use images of the Work(s)-of-art for advertising purposes online and in print. The Lorton Arts Foundation may retain images of the Work(s)-of-art and use them as records or in future publications. Credits in any publication will be included when possible. The Lender/Artist agrees to allow the Lorton Arts Foundation use of images of the Work(s)-of-art without monetary compensation. Images of Work(s)-of-art may be cropped to fit advertisements/publications.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

THE WORKHOUSE ART CENTER "HIGH SCHOOL RISING STAR" RECOGNITION

The Workhouse is pleased to announce a new feature: the High School Rising Star. One piece of art will be selected by The Workhouse Director of Visual Arts to be displayed prominently on its campus. This artwork will be kept as a loaned artwork for approximately one year after the exhibition. Students are encouraged to consider the presentation (i.e. framing) of their artwork for the competition. This is an extraordinary opportunity for a young artist to have his or her piece displayed in a public art gallery.

OPT OUT:

Please check here if you **do not** wish your piece to be considered for the High School Rising Star Award.