

TO: Art Teachers of Virginia's First District
FROM: Representative Robert Wittman
DATE: 3/22/2017
RE: 2017 Congressional Art Competition

The 2017 Competition

Each spring, the Congressional Institute sponsors a nationwide high school visual art competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the nation and in each congressional district. Since the Artistic Discovery competition began in 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have participated.

Students submit entries to their representative's office and a winner will be chosen. Winners are recognized both in their district and at an annual awards ceremony in Washington, DC. The winning works are displayed for one year at the U.S. Capitol.

The Rules

All entries must meet the following criteria:

- Be two dimensional
- Be no larger than 26 inches wide by 26 inches tall by 4 inches thick when framed
- Not weigh more than 15 pounds, including frame
- Be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws.
- The Student Information and Release Form is attached to the back of the artwork

Submission

To submit a piece of art, bring it to any of Congressman Wittman's offices by April 28th. Please call the office to make an appointment to drop off your artwork. Please note: the Tappahannock Office will be closed the week of April 24th.

Hanover	Stafford	Tappahannock	Washington DC
6501 Mechanicsville Turnpike, Suite 102 Mechanicsville, VA 23111 804-730-6595	95 Dunn Dr. St. 201 Stafford, VA 22554 540-659-2734	508 Church Ln Tappahannock, VA 22560 804-443-0667	2055 Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20515 202-225-4261

Important Dates

April 28, 2017: Art must be submitted to the proper district office

May 5, 2017: Winner will be announced **Subject to change**

June 2017: TBD Reception Day in DC

****Please Note****

The competition is open to high school students only and **each student must LIVE in the district that they submit their art.** Since many of our schools have students that live in different districts PLEASE make sure to have students check who is their Member of Congress. This could mean that your class could be sending their work to different offices. You or your students can use the website below to double check the name and information of their Representative. <http://whosmy.viriniageneralassembly.gov/>