

TO: Art Teachers of Virginia's First District
FROM: Representative Robert Wittman
DATE: 2/2/2016
RE: 2016 Congressional Art Competition

The 2016 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 then the winning entry is selected. Winners are recognized at an annual awards ceremony in Washington, DC. The winning works are displayed for one year at the U.S. Capitol and then returned to the student.

The Rules

All entries must meet the following criteria:

- The theme of the competition is: "America the Beautiful". When creating and submitting pieces please have the art revolve around this theme.
- Be two dimensional
- Be no larger than 28 inches wide by 28 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 8, 2016:

Yorktown	Stafford	Tappahannock	Washington DC
401 Main St	95 Dunn Dr. St. 201	508 Church Ln	2454 Rayburn HOB
Yorktown, VA 23690	Stafford, VA 22554	Tappahannock, VA 22560	Washington, DC 20515
757-874-6687	540-569-2737	804-443-0671	202-225-4261

Important Dates

April 8, 2016: Art must be submitted to the proper district office

May 3, 2016: Winner will be announced

June 2016: 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 his or her 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.virginiageneralassembly.gov/>