

2011 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Congressman Dave Reichert would like to invite you to participate in the 2011 Congressional Art Competition!

This competition is designed for high school students in the Eighth Congressional District of Washington State, and is part of “Artistic Discovery,” a nationwide activity initiated by Members of the U.S. House of Representatives to recognize and encourage creative talent. The first place winner will have his/her artwork displayed in the Cannon Tunnel in the U.S. Capitol for the 2011 – 2012 year.

The following guidelines have been established for the Invitational Competition:

1. All artwork must be framed according to the appropriate [framing guidelines](#) listed below:

- All artwork must be framed
- Each piece can be no larger than 28”x28”x4 (28 inches high, 28 inches wide, and 4 inches deep) including the frame.
- Frames should be kept simple and sturdy as possible. Metal framed are recommended. No “snap on” frames with glass are to be used.
- All artwork must be protected by Plexiglas or glass. Plexiglas is preferred.
- Matting can enhance or detract from a work of art and should be carefully prepared.
- Use sturdy picture hangers on the back of the frame. Two sturdy eye hooks should be attached at the top right and left sides of the back of the work for hanging in order to prevent the work from leaning forward or hanging unevenly. Do not put wire between the hooks for hanging; these will be added when the artwork is hung in the Capitol.
- Do not attach labels, ribbons, etc. to the front of the piece or underneath the glass or Plexiglas.

2. 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).

3. Artwork must be two-dimensional

4. Artwork accepted mediums are as follows:

- Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
- Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers
- Collage
- Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
- Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
- Computer-generated art
- Photography

5. A typed and securely affixed large label must be applied to the back of each piece consisting of:

- Students Name, Address, Phone Number
- Title
- Medium
- Member's Name
- State and District

6. If the artwork is abstract in design, please indicate on the backside which side is “up” with arrows.

If you have any questions, please contact Jacques Imperial in Congressman Reichert's Mercer Island office at (206) 275-3438 or Jacques.Imperial@mail.house.gov.