

Dear Educators,

On behalf of Congressman Adam Kinzinger, I am pleased to invite your students to participate in the 2017 Congressional Art Competition. The Congressional Art Competition was founded by Members of the U.S. House of Representatives in 1982 to offer high school students across the country the opportunity to showcase their artistic talent.

We are excited to announce that we are now accepting submissions from students across the 16th Congressional District. Artwork must adhere to all of the competition guidelines which will be sent out soon in another e-mail, and must be submitted to the district office in Ottawa by **Friday, April 28th, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.** The Student Information and Release Form that needs to be filled out by the student and their art teacher will also be sent out in another e-mail soon. Attached is the flyer for the Art Contest, and feel free to put up around your schools and pass out to interested students. The artwork must be no larger than 26 inches by 26 inches by 4 inches, including the frame. I apologize for the late announcement of the Art Contest which is due to changes in the rules for the contest this year.

The first place artwork from each congressional district will be displayed for a year in the Cannon tunnel that leads to the U.S. Capitol. In addition, the first place student, and a guest, will be awarded travel to Washington, D.C. to attend the official art show opening and reception.

I hope that you will encourage your students to take part in this exciting opportunity! If you have any questions regarding the contest, please contact myself at (Patrick.Doggett@mail.house.gov) or 815-432-0580. Thank you for your consideration and for the work you do to teach and mentor the youth of the 16th Congressional District. I know Congressman Kinzinger looks forward to seeing the wonderful artwork that will be submitted for this year's competition!

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