

March 7, 2011

TO: HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL/ART INSTRUCTOR

FROM: Congressman Mike Rogers

RE: 30th ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

Every year for the past 29 years, the United States House of Representatives has held a Congressional Art Competition entitled, "An Artistic Discovery," which highlights artwork created by high school students from participating Congressional districts throughout the country. Members of Congress who choose to participate invite high school students in their districts to submit artwork to be evaluated by a panel of judges. The winning entry from each Congressional district is then sent to Washington, D.C. to be displayed in the underground walkway to the United States Capitol.

As the Member of Congress representing the Third Congressional District of Alabama, I am again inviting the high school students of my district to participate in "An Artistic Discovery." Enclosed is a copy of the entry requirements, the student information/release form and the competition guidelines.

I look forward to working with the students of my district in this competition. This is an opportunity to recognize the abilities and accomplishments of our young people and encourage their future success. Thank you for your interest. We will be following up with you in the near future to assist you in any way that we can to encourage students to participate.

FACTS ABOUT THE 3RD DISTRICT ART COMPETITION

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE: An invitation has been extended to each public and private high school in the Third Congressional District. Home school students are also welcome to enter. Artwork does not have to be framed for the competition. Congressman Rogers will be responsible for framing the winning artwork.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION: The artwork will be displayed from **May 3 to May 7, 2011**, at the Isabel Anderson Comer Museum, which is running the Third District Art Contest. The address of the museum is 711 Broadway Avenue, North, Sylacauga, Alabama, and the phone number is 256/245-4016. A panel of qualified judges selected by the museum will select the first, second and third place winners along with six honorable mentions. On **Saturday, May 7, 2011, at 2:00 PM**, the Isabel Anderson Comer Museum will host a reception for all of the artists, their family members and teachers at which awards (prizes) will be presented.

In addition to the recognition by the museum, the winner will also receive a roundtrip airline ticket from Birmingham to Washington for himself/herself and two accompanying adults donated by an airline, hotel accommodations for a four-day/three-night stay donated by the Isabel Anderson Comer Museum, and a scholarship to an art school which can be renewed each year.

The winning artwork from our Congressional District will be hung for one year in the walkway from the Cannon House Office Building to the Capitol and then returned to the artist.

**THIRD DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION ENTRY
REQUIREMENTS**

To participate in the art competition, student information/release forms must be submitted no later than by Noon on Monday, May 2, 2011. Information/release forms should be typed or printed legibly and faxed to:

Debby McBride
c/o Congressman Mike Rogers
202/226-8485

1. Artwork should be submitted no later than Monday, May 2, 2011. **IT DOES NOT NEED TO BE FRAMED. IF THERE IS A PROBLEM IN GETTING THE ARTWORK TO US BY THIS DATE, PLEASE CALL DEBBY MCBRIDE AT 202/225-3261.** All entries must have a copy of the student entry form attached to the back of the artwork. If the artwork is abstract in design, please indicate on the back of the artwork the top and bottom. Entries must be brought to our District Offices in Anniston, Opelika or Montgomery during the week between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. (Please call the Opelika and Montgomery Offices before making the delivery. If there is no answer and you must deliver that day, please call Debby McBride in the Washington Office at 202/225-3261. The addresses and telephone numbers are as follows:

Congressman Mike Rogers
1129 Noble Street, #104
Anniston, Alabama 36201
256/236-5655

Congressman Mike Rogers
1819 Pepperell Parkway, #203
Opelika, Alabama 36801
334/745-6222

Congressman Mike Rogers
7550 Halcyon Summit Drive
Montgomery, Alabama 36117
334/277-4253

If you envision difficulty in getting the artwork to one of our District Offices by April 26, please call Debby McBride at 202/225-3261. If it is more convenient to bring the artwork directly to the Isabel Anderson Comer Museum in Sylacauga, where it will be on display, this is fine. (Please call the museum before attempting delivery.) The address and telephone number are:

Isabel Anderson Comer Museum
711 Broadway Avenue, North
Sylacauga, Alabama 35150
(256)245-4016

2. The artwork will be on display at the Isabel Anderson Comer Museum from Tuesday, May 3, 2011, to Saturday, May 7, 2011.

3. **The Awards Ceremony and Reception will take place on Saturday, May 7, 2011, at 2:00 P.M. Students participating in the art competition, their parents, friends and teachers are cordially invited to attend. Food will be served. Congressman Rogers will be there to honor all participating students. Artwork from other than the winner of the contest will be returned the week following the Awards Ceremony and Reception.**



2011 GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS

General Guidelines

The competition is open to high school students only. Exceptions may be made for schools that have 7th through 12th grades on one campus.

Artwork must be two-dimensional.

Each piece can be **no larger** than 28" x 28" x 4" (28 inches high, 28 inches wide, and 4 inches deep), including the frame. If your artwork is selected as the winning piece, it will be required to be framed and must adhere to the size guidelines.

Artwork cannot weigh more than 15 lbs.

Accepted media for artwork 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 medias such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
- Computer-Generated Art
- Photography

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 (other than 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).

Artwork will hang in the Capitol for the **entire year** of the exhibition and **cannot** be returned to the students earlier. Students should, therefore, submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.

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 panel will make the final decision regarding the suitability of all artwork for the Congressional Art Competition exhibition in the Capitol.

2011 Congressional Art Competition

Student Information & Release Form

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

MEMBER/DISTRICT INFORMATION	
MEMBER OF CONGRESS NAME:	STATE:

STUDENT INFORMATION		
NAME:	GRADE:	
STREET ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
STUDENT EMAIL:		
T-SHIRT SIZE:		
PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME(S):		
PARENT PHONE:	PARENT WORK PHONE:	

SCHOOL		
SCHOOL NAME:		
STREET ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
ART TEACHER NAME:		

ART COMPETITION ENTRY
TITLE OF ENTRY:
MEDIUM:
DESCRIPTION:
FRAMED DIMENSIONS: Height: _____ inches Width: _____ inches Depth: _____ inches
See official guidelines for framed size and artwork weight restrictions.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE RELEASE FORM ON PAGE 2.

2011 Congressional Art Competition Student Information & Release Form

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)	
STUDENT NAME:	STATE:
TITLE OF ENTRY:	

ORIGINALITY CERTIFICATION	
I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the art entry described above is an original work or authorship by the undersigned student and that it is not copied from, nor does it include, any other person's copyrighted work.	
<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> STUDENT SIGNATURE	<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> ART TEACHER SIGNATURE

ARTWORK RELEASE	
<p>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 <i>An Artistic Discovery</i> (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, for a period of two years from the latest date on this form. The undersigned acknowledge that the final decision regarding the suitability of an art entry to be displayed in the Capitol will be made by a House panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. The undersigned also grant the Member, the House, their employees and agents, and the United States the right to reproduce the art entry for any non-commercial purpose. The undersigned further grant the Member, the House, their employees and agents, and the United States 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, and the United States 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.</p>	
<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> STUDENT SIGNATURE	<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (IF UNDER 18)

MEMBER APPROVAL (FOR OVERALL WINNER ONLY)	
I have viewed the above-signed student's artwork and approve of its content. I understand that by signing this form I am supporting this artwork and am responsible for its content.	
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