



U.S. Representative Robert Pittenger is pleased to announce the 2016 Congressional Art Competition.

This competition encompasses the Ninth Congressional District of North Carolina and is an excellent opportunity to showcase the talent of our area's high school constituents and to acknowledge our community's gifted young artists.

Please refer to "2016 Rules and Regulations for Students and Teachers" which follows, and outlines the rules and dimensions for the artwork. Please follow the directions carefully. **Deadline for All Entries is April 4, 2016. Drop-off information below.**

This year, five finalists will be selected through a Facebook competition hosted on Congressman Pittenger's Facebook page. The competition will begin at **noon on April 5, 2016** and remain open until **noon on April 12, 2016**. The five students whose pieces of art receive the most "likes" will become our finalists. Additionally, **a sixth finalist** will be chosen as a "wild card" by a professional judge from the Art Institute of Charlotte.

Finalists will be given the honor of having their artwork hung in the Congressman's District Offices. The First-Place winner will be chosen from those finalists by Congressman Pittenger, his staff and art experts from the community. The First-Place winner will have his/her artwork hung in Washington, DC, representing North Carolina's Ninth District.

A reception with Congressman Pittenger will be held on **April 15, 2016 from 4:00-6:30pm at the Art Institute of Charlotte** to honor the participants and announce the winners of the 2016 Congressional Art Competition. All artwork will be displayed at the reception, and all participants and their families are welcome to attend.

We would love to have a great showing from your school! We have high school students from Iredell, Mecklenburg, and Union counties competing, and we highly encourage you and your students to participate.

ARTWORK DROP-OFF

In addition to the original piece of art, please provide our office with a high resolution digital photo of the artwork for the Facebook competition. Digital photos can be submitted to our office, accompanying the artwork, or emailed to NC09.photos@mail.house.gov. Please include the student's name and artwork title in the email. If a photo is not submitted with the artwork, our staff will provide a photo.