



2015 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

To: High School Art Teachers
Fr: Bob Becker, John Caison – Congressman Pittenger’s office
Re: 2015 Annual Congressional Art Competition
Dt: February 23, 2015

Deadline for All Entries is April 9, 2015. Drop off Information below.

U.S. Representative Robert Pittenger is pleased to announce the 2015 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.

The following pages outline the rules and dimensions for the artwork and include entry and release forms. Please follow the directions carefully.

This year, five finalists will be selected through a Facebook competition hosted on Congressman Pittenger’s Facebook page. The competition will begin at **12:01am on April 10, 2015** and remain open until **midnight on April 17, 2015**. 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 24, 2015 from 4:00-6:30pm at the Art Institute of Charlotte** to honor the participants and announce the winners of the 2015 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.

Artwork may be dropped off at either of Congressman Pittenger's District Offices during business hours, between **Monday, March 30, 2015 and Thursday, April 10, 2015**.

Mecklenburg County

8:30am – 5:30pm, Monday - Friday

Address: 2701 Coltsgate Road, Suite 105 Charlotte, NC 28211

Phone: 704-362-1060

Iredell County*

8:30am – 5:30pm, Monday - Friday

Address: 116 Morlake Drive, Suite 101A Mooresville, NC 28117

Phone: (704) 696-8190

*Please call ahead before dropping off artwork

RECEPTION

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Art Institute of Charlotte

2110 Water Ridge Pkwy #200

Charlotte, NC 28217

2015 ART COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Teacher Responsibility

- Each entry form should be checked and signed by the teacher for student eligibility and originality. This should be mounted on the back center of the work.
- Please help drop-off and pick up artwork.
- When the artwork is delivered to each site, please submit an inventory sheet and identification labels with the work.

Finances

- This competition is carried out at no expense to the Federal Government. All expenses are provided locally in the community.

Judging and Awards

- A Facebook Competition will be held beginning at **12:01am on April 10, 2015** and ending at **midnight on April 17, 2015**. Once the competition is closed, the five students with the most “likes” will be named our finalists. One additional “Wild Card” finalist will be chosen by a professional judge from the Art Institute of Charlotte.
- The First-Place winner will be chosen from those six finalists by a panel including art experts from the Charlotte community, Congressman Pittenger and his staff.
- All artwork will be displayed at the reception.
- Awards will be presented by U.S. Representative Robert Pittenger at a reception held at the Art Institute of Charlotte at **April 24, 2015 from 4:00-6:30pm**.
- Awards:
 - 1st place will receive the Congressional Art Award.
 - The winning entry will be sent to hang in the Capitol Building in Washington, DC for one year. After this period, it will be returned to the student. Art, if not already framed, will need framing by the student before it is sent.
 - The recipient and a guest will be flown to Washington DC to attend the national reception and to view their artwork in the Capitol.
 - \$1000 academic scholarship to a specific art institution.
 - 2nd and 3rd place will receive complimentary admission into a summer studio art program in Charlotte. The summer program is five days of creative workshops that put high school students in a hands-on, collaborative environment under the artistic and technical guidance of industry-savvy instructors. This program helps talented art students test-drive an arts-oriented/creative education.
 - All finalists will have their artwork hung in the Congressman’s District Offices.