

U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN
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MINNESOTA'S  **7TH DISTRICT**

**2021 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION
GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS**

General Information

- The competition is open to students in grades nine through 12 at all public, private, charter, and home schools in Minnesota's Seventh Congressional District.
- Artwork must be the creation of a single student. Students may not collaborate on an entry.

Specifications

- Artwork must be two-dimensional.
- When framed, artwork can be **no larger than 26 inches high, 26 inches wide, and 4 inches deep**, and must weigh **no more than 15 pounds**.
- Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate U.S. copyright laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo or image (including a painting, graphic, or advertisement) that was created by someone other than the student will not be accepted.
- The winning submission will be displayed for one year in the tunnel between the U.S. Capitol and the Cannon House Office Building in Washington, D.C. Therefore, students should only 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.

Accepted mediums for the two-dimensional artwork are as follows:

- Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
- Drawings: colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal (it is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed)
- Collages: must be two dimensional
- Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
- Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
- Computer-generated art
- Photographs

Required Information

- Each entrant must submit a [Student Information and Release Form](#). The information requested on the first page of the form should be provided as thoroughly as possible. Students should include their mailing addresses, if they differ from their home addresses. Students should also include contact information that will be valid for several years.
- The form requires a description of the artwork, which should be detailed, clearly identifying the major elements of the work. For example, “self-portrait” or “a picture of two people” would be unacceptable, since many artworks would fit those descriptions.
- The second page of the Student Information and Release Form contains a legal release and a certification that the artwork is original in design and execution. The student, an art teacher, and a parent or guardian must sign where appropriate. Entries without signed originality certifications and artwork releases may not be accepted.
- A TYPED copy of the Student Information and Release Form, signed by the teacher, a parent or guardian, and the student, must be securely attached to the back of the artwork to certify the originality of the piece. Please retain a copy for your records.

Submissions

- Students from Minnesota’s Seventh Congressional District can submit their artwork and the [Student Information and Release Form](#) via e-mail to ArtCompetitionMN07@mail.house.gov.
- The submission should include a high-quality, high-resolution photograph or scanned image of the artwork, and should be attached to the e-mail as a single file in a commonly accepted format (e.g., PDF, PNG, JPG, BMP, TIFF, etc.).
- If you are submitting a photographed image of your artwork, please use natural light and avoid shadows.
- **Submissions will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. CT on Monday, May 3, 2021.**

If you have questions, please contact Rieder Grunseth in Congresswoman Fischbach’s office at (202) 225-2165.