



UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN  
**DAVE TROTT**



Dear Artist,

Please read all of the enclosed information and follow the instructions for submitting art into the 2015 Congressional Art Competition. If you do not follow the instructions, your entry may be disqualified from the contest.

All entries must be submitted by **Friday, April 24, 2015.**

## **2015 Congressional Art Competition**

*Information, Entry Forms, Important Dates, and Regulations*

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# How to Enter Artwork

Any student who wishes to enter artwork in the 2015 Congressional Art Contest should deliver or mail their artwork to Rep. Trott's Troy Office.

Please deliver or mail artwork to:

**Rep. Dave Trott's Office**  
**625 East Big Beaver Road, Suite 204**  
**Troy, MI 48083**  
**Phone: 248-528-0711**

If you are delivering artwork in person, the office is open between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm Monday – Friday.

**All submitted artwork must abide by the contest guidelines (see next page) and entries must be submitted with the following:**

- **Student's name**
- **Student's address**
- **Phone number**
- **School name**
- **Art teacher's name**

If students are mailing their artwork, it is highly recommended that student's purchase mailing insurance on any packages they send. Rep. Trott's office is not responsible for any artwork that is lost or damaged when being mailed.

Following the conclusion of the contest, each student's artwork will be mailed back to the student at the address provided in the submission.

**All artwork must be submitted (postmarked) by FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2015**

# Contest Guidelines

The 2015 Congressional Art 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 framed artwork can be no larger than 28" x 28" x 4" (28 inches high, 28 inches wide, and 4 inches deep).**

**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

The student art which is selected as the winner will be required to be framed and must still measure no larger than the above maximum dimensions. No framed piece should weigh 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 is a violation of the competition rules and will not be accepted.

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.

All artwork must be submitted by **FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2015**

# Suitability Guidelines & Student Information

## Suitability Guidelines

As outlined in these guidelines, the final decision regarding the suitability of all artwork for the 2015 Congressional Art Competition exhibition in the Capitol will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. While it is not the intent to censor any artwork, we do wish to avoid artwork that is potentially inappropriate for display in this highly travelled area leading to the Capitol. 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.

**Winning Student Information and Release Form** (a copy of the form is at the end of this packet)

The winning student must submit a Student Information and Release Form. The Student Information and Release Form are available at the end of this packet. The information requested on the first page of the form should be provided as thoroughly as possible. Students should list their mailing addresses, if they differ from their home addresses. 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, due to the large number of works that would fit that description.

The following is an example of an acceptable description: "A painting of two people; the one on the left wears a green sweater and khaki pants; the one on the right wears a black shirt and a striped skirt. A dog sits at their feet."

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.

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.

# Judging Process

All artwork must be submitted by **FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2015**

Rep. Trott has assembled a panel of local art judges who will select the winner of the 2015 Congressional Art Competition in Michigan's 11<sup>th</sup> District.

The panel of judges will be comprised of residents who have recognized art credentials and are part of the arts community in Southeast Michigan.

Following the submission deadline, the judging panel will review the entries. Each entry will be able to be awarded up to five points from each judge. The entry with the overall highest score shall be named the winning entry.

The student winner will be notified in the early part of May 2015.

# Helpful Hints for Your Art Entry

- Remember, your artwork can be no larger than 28" x 28" x 4" (28inches high, 28 inches wide, and 4 inches deep).
- Artwork must be two-dimensional.
- Your entry must be your own design and creation. Be original.
- Remember, the first impression a judge has of your entry is a lasting one.
- Most important—have fun and good luck!

**If you have any questions regarding the Congressional Art Competition, please contact Rep. Trott's Office at: [TrottArt@mail.house.gov](mailto:TrottArt@mail.house.gov) or call 248-528-0711**

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## Student Information & Release Form

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

<b>MEMBER/DISTRICT INFORMATION</b>	
MEMBER OF CONGRESS NAME:	STATE & DISTRICT:

<b>STUDENT INFORMATION</b>		
NAME:	GRADE:	
STREET ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT):		
STUDENT EMAIL:	STUDENT PHONE (CELL):	
T-SHIRT SIZE:		
PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME(S):		
PARENT PHONE (HOME):	PARENT PHONE (WORK or CELL):	

<b>SCHOOL</b>		
SCHOOL NAME:		
STREET ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
ART TEACHER NAME:		
ART TEACHER PHONE:	ART TEACHER EMAIL:	

<b>ART COMPETITION ENTRY</b>
TITLE OF ENTRY:
MEDIUM:
DESCRIPTION:
Please include a detailed description of the artwork, clearly identifying the major elements of the piece.
For office use only: FRAMED DIMENSIONS: Height: _____ inches Width: _____ inches Depth: _____ inches See official guidelines for framed size and artwork weight restrictions.

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## Student Information & Release Form

<b>(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)</b>	
STUDENT NAME:	STATE & DISTRICT:
TITLE OF ENTRY:	

<b>ORIGINALITY CERTIFICATION</b>	
I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the art entry described above is an original work of 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

<b>ARTWORK RELEASE</b>	
<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, the United States, and the Congressional Institute, Inc., and its employees, the right to reproduce the art entry for any non-commercial purpose. The undersigned further release the Member, the House, their employees and agents, the United States, and the Congressional Institute, Inc., and its employees, 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, the United States, and the Congressional Institute, Inc., and its employees, 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)

<b>MEMBER APPROVAL (FOR OVERALL WINNER ONLY)</b>	
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.	
<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> MEMBER SIGNATURE	<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> PRINT DISTRICT OFFICE CONTACT NAME  <hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> PRINT DC OFFICE CONTACT NAME