



Congressional Art Competition

Congressman Tom Barrett - MI District 7

TEACHERS/PARENTS/STUDENTS: Please be sure to read ALL below information in order to accurately and correctly enter the contest. Thank you!

Overview

Each spring, a high school arts competition is sponsored by the members of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Congressional Art Competition is an opportunity to recognize and encourage the artistic talent throughout the nation, as well as in each Congressperson's district. This contest is open to high school students only, grades 9 through 12, whether the student is a member of a public school, private school, or homeschooling group. We encourage artists of all talents and experience within this grade range to apply!

Each participating member of the House of Representatives accepts submissions from his or her congressional district. Congressman Barrett represents Michigan's 7th Congressional District, which includes all of Ingham, Clinton, Shiawassee, and Livingston Counties, most of Eaton County, and parts of Oakland and Genesee Counties. Whether your high school is located in the Representative's district or not, if your student does reside in the Congressional District, they are eligible to enter. (If you are unsure of who your member of Congress is, [click here to find that information online.](#))

There will be multiple awards given out to students in Congressman Barrett's district, with a reception for entrants, their families, and teachers in late April to early May. The overall winner of our district's competition will have their artwork displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol, with two generously donated round-trip tickets from Southwest Airlines for each winner and a guest to attend the Winner's Celebration, held in Washington, DC in June. The exhibit in Washington will also include artwork from other contest winners nationwide.

We are looking forward to seeing the breathtaking artwork from all of the talented students in MI District 7! Please see our website for deadline and office address information. If you have any questions, please contact our Lansing office at (517) 993-0510.

Awards

As mentioned, there will be a multitude of awards presented to students. The spread of awards will include 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, with Best in Class and Honorable Mention awards for each grade (9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th), which will be based on participation, as well as "Best of Photography... Painting... Mixed Media... etc." While the 1st place winner's prize is detailed in the *Overview* section above, other winners or participants will be



awarded Congressional Certificates of Accomplishments, and will have the opportunity to have their artwork hung in Congressman Barrett's District Office for a year, with your permission.

The awards will be announced and presented by Congressman Barrett at a gallery-style reception for all student entrants, their families, and their art teachers in late April to early May. Further details about the reception will be emailed to art teachers and participating students when finalized, including an RSVP form to ensure attendance/headcount.

If you have any questions about this, please be sure to reach out to the staffer in charge (contact info. on website).

Submission Details

ONLY ONE ARTWORK SUBMISSION PER STUDENT.

Regarding the Student Release Form (on the art page on our website), please be sure to complete **TWO TYPED** copies of this form. One copy should go on the back of your artwork, and the other should be compiled for all students and given to our office by the art teacher. Please make sure to [read the Rules and Regulations](#), linked on our website, as well, for information on how to ensure your art piece is accepted into the competition.

The **last day to submit artwork** can be found on the art competition page on our website. All artwork and forms should be returned to our office by **5pm** on that day. Artwork should be collected and stored by art teachers throughout the weeks coming up to the deadline.

When all students have given the teacher their artwork, the teacher may drop off the artwork to our District Office in Lansing (address on website) within 7 days of the deadline, 9am to 5pm. Please be sure to let us know when you are coming by contacting the staffer in charge by email or phone (contact info. on art competition page).

If you are submitting artwork on your own and do not have an art class/teacher, please contact the staffer in charge to arrange pickup/dropoff. Or, **if you're a teacher who has a drive that is more than 30 minutes long to Lansing**, please reach out to the staffer in charge and we will work with you to ensure every student is given a fair chance to enter this competition!

Good Luck!

We are very excited to view your artwork submissions and can't wait to receive them all! Please do not hesitate to reach out to the staffer in charge if you have any questions or concerns about this competition, and we wish you all the very best of luck!