



Dear Students, Teachers, Principals and Administrators:

Each year the United States House of Representatives sponsors a Congressional Art Competition for high school students. The “*Artistic Discovery Competition*” began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. Since then, over 650,000 high school students have been involved with the nationwide competition.

All high school students (9-12th grade) who reside in or attend school in the 12th Congressional District are encouraged to participate. The winning entry from our district will be displayed in the United States Capitol for one year alongside artwork from every congressional district across the country.

Artwork submitted must represent images that depict a scene (landscape, industry, etc.) from the 12th District of Georgia. It must also be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. The art must be no larger than 28” x 28” x 4” and can be in the form of paintings (oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.), drawings (pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers), collage (must be 2 dimensional), prints (lithographs, silkscreen, block prints), mixed media, computer generated art, or photography. Please note, the artwork is not required to be framed but must be no larger than 28” x 28” x 4” when framed; however, all art must have a firm backing. This should include a mat, foam board or heavy poster board/paper.

All artwork **must be submitted October 3rd – 5th** at one of the following six drop-off locations:

- **Augusta District Office:** 2743 Perimeter Parkway, Bldg. 200, Suite 225, Augusta, GA 30909 (9 am – 5 pm)
- **Dublin High School:** 1127 Hillcrest Parkway, Dublin, GA 31021
- **Appling County High School:** 482 Blackshear Highway, Baxley, GA 31513
- **Vidalia Heritage Academy Upper School:** 207 East Second Street, Vidalia, Georgia 30474
- **Statesboro High School:** 10 Lester Rd, Statesboro, GA 30458
- **Emanuel County Institute:** 102 S College St, Twin City, GA 30471

Three award winning works of art will be selected by a distinguished panel of judges. I will announce the winners at an Awards Ceremony at the **Georgia Carolina Fair on October 21, 2017**. Tickets to enter the fair will be provided to the art teacher, principal, student and their family.

The first place art work will be displayed at the US Capitol for an eleven month exhibit beginning in June, 2018. The winning student will receive two airline tickets to Washington D.C., compliments of Southwest Airlines, for the national ceremony and ribbon cutting of the art exhibit. The student will also be eligible to receive an admission scholarship to the Savannah College of Art and Design, should they apply and be accepted.*

Additionally, we will have a “People’s Choice Award” chosen by constituents who will have the opportunity to select their favorite work of art from postings on my Facebook page. The artwork of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd runners-up, as well as the winner of the People’s Choice Award, will be displayed in My Washington D.C. and District offices from May 2018 – May 2019. If the People’s Choice Award is the same piece that wins the overall competition, the first place offerings apply.

We would love to have participation from every school in our district and would ask that it be limited to only one entry per student. Attached is a student application/release form to be affixed on the back of the artwork when it is delivered to your drop off location. A copy of the official contest rules and regulations, as well as a checklist for submission, are also attached.

For more information or questions, please contact Christine Rhodes in our Augusta District Office at (706) 228-1980 or Christine.Rhodes@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick W. Allen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rick W. Allen
Member of Congress

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*Based on rules of the 2017 Congressional Art Competition, and may be subject to change.