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Dear High School Educators,

We are excited to extend an invitation to your high school students to participate in the 2026 Congressional Art Competition. Each spring, a nation-wide high school art competition is sponsored by the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives to recognize and encourage the artistic talent throughout in the nation. Since its inception in 1982, over 650,000 high school students have been involved with this nationwide competition.

The Congressional Art Competition is a unique opportunity in which my office is able to showcase the artistic talents of high school students within the 11th District of Florida. The winning entry from the district will be prominently displayed in the Cannon Tunnel in Washington, D.C. The Cannon Tunnel connects the Cannon House Office Building with the U.S. Capitol and is traveled daily by Members of Congress, their staff, and visitors.

This year the theme for my office's Congressional Art Competition is the "**America the Beautiful**" in celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the United States. All artwork entries must adhere to this theme. Attached is the information packet along with the guidelines for the competition, school entry form, and student release form. **The competition is open to students who reside or attend a high school in Florida's 11th Congressional District.**

If your students are interested in participating, please complete the Art Competition Entry Form and return it to my office by Friday, April 3, 2026. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact my District Office at 352-241-9220.

It is a pleasure to serve as your representative in the U.S. House of Representatives, and I hope that your students will be able to participate with us this year.

Sincerely,



Daniel Webster
Member of Congress



CONGRESSMAN DANIEL WEBSTER

11th Congressional District of Florida

2026 Congressional Art Competition

IMPORTANT DATES AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

“America the Beautiful”

This year, the theme for my office’s Congressional Art Competition is “America the Beautiful.” All artwork entries must adhere to this theme — no other entries will be accepted.

The competition is open to high school students only. Each student may enter one piece of artwork. Artwork must be two-dimensional. Each piece can be **no larger** than 26” x 26” x 4”, including the frame. Artwork cannot weigh more than 15 lbs. Accepted mediums 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

Each entry must be **original** in concept, design and execution, and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. Work entered must be in the original medium (that is, not a scanned reproduction of a painting or drawing). Winning 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.

Congressman Webster reserves the right to review all artwork for suitability in the competition.

TEACHERS:

Please fill out the “2026 Congressional Art Contest Entry Form” and submit it my Art Competition Coordinator, Christa Tanner, via email at Christa.Pearson@mail.house.gov, by **Friday, April 3, 2026**. Please provide your contact information and email address so that they can keep you informed of any updates or announcements regarding the competition.

SUBMISSION DATE: Artwork must be received by Friday, April 17, 2026

No exceptions or extensions will be made, so please prepare to submit your work on time!

Each entry must be accompanied by a completed “**Student Information and Release Form.**” Please do not forget to have a parent/guardian and the art teacher sign the release form.



2026 Congressional Art Competition

ENTRY FORM

School Name: _____

Art Teacher's Name: _____

Teacher's #: _____ E-mail: _____

Estimate of number of pieces to be entered: _____

TEACHERS:

Please return this form along with a copy of the 2026 sign-up sheet to Christa Tanner in Congressman Daniel Webster's office by email at Christa.Pearson@mail.house.gov.

In order to enter the competition, this form **MUST** be returned by **Friday, April 3, 2026**.

Artwork must be completed and received by my office no later than **Friday, April 17, 2026**.

Please note that artwork does NOT have to be framed or matted for the local contest, but you are welcome to do so.



2026 Congressional Art Competition

SIGN-UP SHEET

Student Name:

Student Address:

Student Phone Number:

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