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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
February 15, 2012

It is my pleasure to announce the 2012 Artistic Discovery Congressional Art Competition. This annual competition provides each of the nation's 435 Congressional Districts the opportunity to select one outstanding art piece to be displayed in the Cannon House Office Building tunnel used by Members of Congress and guests to travel between the capitol and the congressional office buildings.

I am writing to ask for your help with this endeavor by choosing two finalists from your school. The two entries from your school must be received in my Hot Springs congressional office located at 100 Reserve Street, Suite 307, Hot Springs, AR 71901 by Wednesday April 18, 2012, where they will be judged by art professionals from our congressional district to determine the first, second, and third place winners.

The first place winner from each Congressional District across the nation will be entered in the national competition and will be invited to travel to Washington D.C. to attend the national reception in June. The second and third place winners from the Fourth Congressional District will be honored by having their artwork on display in my congressional district offices.

I am enclosing the Guidelines and Student Information/Release Form for this art competition. Please be sure to read the attached documents for a complete understanding of the rules. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Stefanie Scott in my Hot Springs office at [stefanie.scott@mail.house.gov](mailto:stefanie.scott@mail.house.gov) or at 501-520-5892.

I am proud to be associated with this competition and look forward to working with you on this project. It will provide one of our congressional district's young talented artists with an opportunity to be showcased in our nation's capitol.

Sincerely,

Mike Ross

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**2012 ART COMPETITION GUIDELINES**  
**General Guidelines**

- Competition is open to high school students only. Exceptions will be made for schools that have 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades in one building.
- In order to allow an artwork to hang in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol, the following restrictions are enforced:
  - Artwork must conform to these restrictions:
    - All artwork must be two-dimensional
    - Each piece can be **no larger** than 28"x28"x4" (28 inches high, 28 inches wide and 4 inches deep) **including the frame**. Artwork cannot weigh more than 15 lbs.
    - Entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. Any entry which has been reproduced from an existing photo (not the student's own), painting, graphic, advertisement, or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and **will not** be accepted. Work entered must be in the original medium (that is, not a scanned reproduction of a painting or drawing).
- If not already framed Congressman Ross will do so. Congressman Ross will also cover the cost of shipping the winning piece to Washington, DC.
- Artwork will hang in the Capitol for **the entire year** of the exhibition and **cannot** be returned to students earlier. Students, therefore, should submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.
- Artwork categories are as follows:
  - Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
  - Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers
  - Collage: must be two dimensional
  - Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
  - Mixed media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, etc.
  - Computer generated art
  - Photography
- A copy of the Student Release form, signed by both the teacher and student, must be attached to the artwork to certify the originality of the piece. The student's guardian must also sign release.
- The final decision regarding the suitability of all artwork for the 2012 Congressional Art Competition exhibition in the Capitol will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of 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 are sensationalistic or gruesome in 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.
- In addition, first place winners will be eligible to receive a scholarship to Savannah College of Art and Design, should they apply and are accepted.

## 2012 Congressional Art Competition Student Information & Release Form

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

MEMBER/DISTRICT INFORMATION	
MEMBER OF CONGRESS NAME:	STATE:

STUDENT INFORMATION		
NAME:	GRADE:	
STREET ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
STUDENT EMAIL:		
T-SHIRT SIZE:		
PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME(S):		
PARENT PHONE:	PARENT WORK PHONE:	

SCHOOL		
SCHOOL NAME:		
STREET ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
ART TEACHER NAME:		

ART COMPETITION ENTRY
TITLE OF ENTRY:
MEDIUM:
DESCRIPTION:
FRAMED DIMENSIONS: Height: _____ inches    Width: _____ inches    Depth: _____ inches
See official guidelines for framed size and artwork weight restrictions.

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STUDENT NAME:	STATE:
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 or 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, and the United States the right to reproduce the art entry for any non-commercial purpose. The undersigned further grant the Member, the House, their employees and agents, and the United States 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, and the United States 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)