

Congressman Ron Paul is once again hosting the Congressional Art Competition for high school students in the 14th Congressional District. The competition is open to all students living in the district in grades 9-12. Public, private, charter and home schooled students are all encouraged to participate.

Students are not required to adhere to a specific theme and a variety of mediums are acceptable. The deadline for submissions is April 26. Art work may be dropped off at one of Congressman Paul's district offices or pick-up can be arranged.

Lake Jackson office: 122 W. Way, Suite 301, Lake Jackson, TX 77566

Victoria office: 1501 Mockingbird Lane, Suite 229, Victoria, TX 77904

Galveston Area: Call Twila Lindblade to arrange for pick up; (409) 382-5084 or Twila.Lindblade@mail.house.gov

The winner of the District 14 Congressional Art Competition will have his or her art work on display in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C. for one year. The winner will also have an opportunity to earn a scholarship to the Savannah School of Art and Design and will receive airfare for two on Southwest Airlines to travel to Washington D.C. to participate in special events with other winners from Congressional districts across the U.S.

In order to participate in the contest, students must fill out the student release form & attach it to their art work by April 26. The form, along with additional information can be found at www.house.gov/paul

. Or, contact Twila Lindblade, project coordinator, at Twila.Lindblade@mail.house.gov

Last year, Christian Diaz, a senior at Angleton High School, won the competition for the 14th

Congressional District. He and his mother traveled to Washington D.C. for the art competition events and had an opportunity to meet Congressman Paul and his staff. They also took tours of the U.S. Capitol and other area attractions while visiting.

Winning art work from last year's competition can be viewed at http://www.house.gov/content/educate/art_competition/. Art work submitted from Congressman Paul's district in 2011 can be found on his official congressional Facebook Page.

- GUIDELINES FOR ARTWORK: In order to allow artwork to hang in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol, the following restrictions are necessary:

1. o Piece must be two-dimensional
2. o Each piece can be **no larger** than 28 inches high by 28 inches wide to the outside dimensions of the frame
3. o No more than 4 inches in depth

- 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:

1. o Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
2. o Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, marker, pastels (it is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed)
3. o Collage: must be two dimensional
4. o Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
5. o Mixed media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, etc.
6. o Computer generated art
7. o Photography

- A typed copy of the Student Release Form, also available online at www.house.gov/paul, signed by both the teacher and the students, must be attached to the artwork to certify the originality of the piece.

- Each entry must be an original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws.

- Note: Any entry which has been reproduced from an existing photo, painting, graphic, advertisement or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition

rules and **will not** be accepted.

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