

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
~~Washington, DC 20515-3803~~

March 9, 2011

Dear Art Teacher:

We would like to invite students of the 3rd Congressional District to submit artwork for the 2011 Nationwide "Artistic Discovery" Contest sponsored by the U.S. House of Representatives. This competition rewards talented high school students for their artistic abilities and dedication. The winning student will have the opportunity to showcase his or her artwork in the Nation's Capitol, and Congressman Mike Kelly will display the second and third place pieces in his Washington, D.C. office. The winner will also receive two Southwest Airline tickets to Washington D.C. for the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Capitol Building.

Edinboro University will host the awards ceremony for the 3rd Congressional District "Artistic Discovery" Contest on Saturday, April 30, 2011, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., in Van Houten Dining Hall. The artists, their families, teachers, friends, school personnel, and local dignitaries are invited to attend.

Attached are the guidelines for the competition as well as documents which you, the students, and their parents or legal guardians must complete. Also attached is a list of artwork drop-off locations throughout the 3rd Congressional District. **Artwork is due to the district offices by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20.** If you do not have the resources to send the artwork to a district office, please call the phone number below to arrange a pickup.

Should you or your students have any questions regarding the competition, please contact Melanie Brewer at Congressman Mike Kelly's Erie District Office at 814.454.8190. We hope that you will encourage your students to participate in this exciting competition!

Sincerely,



Mike Kelly, Congressman
U.S. House of Representatives



Dr. Jeremy Brown, President
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

Attachments

2011 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

"AN ARTISTIC DISCOVERY"

DISTRICT COMPETITION AND RECEPTION

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 20th: Projects due
- April 22nd: RSVP's for Reception Deadline
- April 30th: Reception/Announcement of Winners at Edinboro University

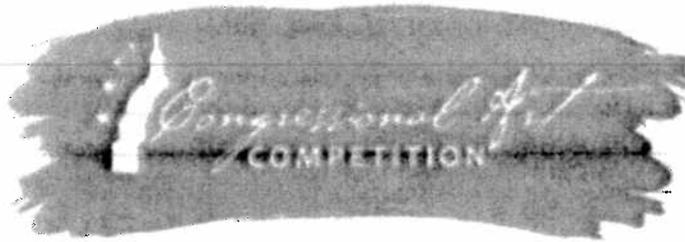
RECEPTION

- WHEN: Saturday, April 30th, 2011
- 10:00 a.m. – Reception
- 10:30 a.m. – Program and Award Ceremony
- WHERE: Edinboro University
- Van Houten Dining Hall
- Edinboro, PA 16444
- RSVP: Melanie Brewer in the Office of Congressman Mike Kelly
- 814.454.8190 or melanie.brewer@mail.house.gov

RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22nd, 2011

EACH CONTESTANT MUST INCLUDE A LABEL ON THE BACK OF THEIR PROJECT THAT HAS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Student Name
Address
Phone Number
Median Used
Title of Art Piece
Congressman Mike Kelly, PA -03



2011 GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS

General Guidelines

The competition is open to high school students only. Exceptions may be made for schools that have 7th through 12th grades on one campus.

Artwork must be two-dimensional.

Each piece can be **no larger** than 28" x 28" x 4" (28 inches high, 28 inches wide, and 4 inches deep), including the frame. If your artwork is selected as the winning piece, it will be required to be framed and must adhere to the size guidelines.

Artwork cannot weigh more than 15 lbs.

Accepted media for artwork are as follows:

- Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
- Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers
- Collage
- Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
- Mixed Media: use of more than two medias such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
- Computer-Generated Art
- Photography

Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo (other than 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).

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.

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 a sensationalistic or gruesome 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. The panel will make the final decision regarding the suitability of all artwork for the Congressional Art Competition exhibition in the Capitol.

2011 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.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE RELEASE FORM ON PAGE 2.

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(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)	
STUDENT NAME:	STATE:
TITLE OF ENTRY:	

ORIGINALITY CERTIFICATION	
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

ARTWORK RELEASE	
<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)

MEMBER APPROVAL (FOR OVERALL WINNER ONLY)	
I have viewed the above-signed student's artwork and approve of its content. I understand that by signing this form I am supporting this artwork and am responsible for its content.	
<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> MEMBER SIGNATURE	<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> PRINT DISTRICT OFFICE CONTACT NAME
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