

2008 ART COMPETITION GUIDELINES

General Guidelines

The competition is open to high school students only.

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

- Piece must be two-dimensional
- Each piece can be **no larger** than 30 inches by 30 inches to the outside dimensions of the frame (if framed).
- No more than 4 inches in depth
- No “snap on” frames with glass are to be used

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

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.

A copy of the Student Release Form, signed by both the teacher and the student, must be attached to the back of 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.

Suitability Guidelines

The final decision regarding the suitability of all artworks for the exhibition in the Capitol will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. While it is not the intent to censor any artwork, we do wish to avoid artwork that is potentially inappropriate for display in 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 a sensationalistic or of a gruesome nature are not allowed. Any portions not in consonance with the Commission’s policy will be omitted from the exhibit.

