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Office of Roscoe G. Bartlett
Member of Congress
Maryland-6

Dear Students:

I am pleased to announce that I am sponsoring the 2008 Congressional Art Competition, *An Artistic Discovery*, for senior high school students who live within the Sixth Congressional District of Maryland. I believe that this competition provides an excellent opportunity to showcase the talent of students in the Sixth District and acknowledge our nation's gifted young artists.

In the past 26 years, hundreds of thousands of high school students have been able to participate at the local level. This remarkable exhibit represents the combined efforts of the Members who conduct local contests and the students who participate.

Participating students must reside in the Sixth Congressional District. If your students reside in Harford, Baltimore or Montgomery County, I recommend that you verify their Congressional District online at: <http://mdelect.net/> to avoid disqualification.

Please complete the enclosed school registration form and return it to my Allegany/Garrett District office at the address below, no later than February 20, 2008.

Enclosed you will find the art competition guidelines and a student information/release form. Each student must complete this form and attach it to the back of their artwork. You may duplicate as needed. You may also download this form and the competition guidelines from the following website, www.bartlett.house.gov.

Artwork may be dropped off at the nearest office to you; a list of my district offices follows. All artwork is due by May 2, 2008. Artwork dropped off after this date will be disqualified. For purposes of judging at the local level, all artwork must be mounted on foam core board or framed. No "snap on" frames with glass are to be used. If the artwork is abstract in design, please indicate on the backside with arrows, which side is up.

Frederick District Office, 7360 Guilford Drive, Suite 101, Frederick, 21704
Cumberland District Office, 1 Frederick Street, Suite 2, Cumberland, 21502
Hagerstown District Office, 11377 Robinwood Drive, Suite F, Hagerstown, 21742
Westminster District Office, 15 East Main Street, Suite 110, Westminster, 21157

On May 23, 2008, I will announce the Sixth Congressional District Best in Show and winners in each of the seven categories. The Best in Show from our competition will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel on Capitol Hill for one year. The Savannah College of Art and Design will award the Artistic Honors Scholarship, in the amount of \$5000 per

year, to the first place winners in the 2008 Congressional Art Competition who apply and are accepted to the college.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Brenda Frantz, Art Competition Coordinator at 301-724-3105 or toll free at 800-889-3012.

Sincerely,

Roscoe Bartlett
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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.

2008 Congressional Art Competition
Student Information/Release Form

MEMBER: Honorable Roscoe G. Bartlett STATE: Maryland
Sixth

Note: This information is used for program certificates. Please make sure the form is complete and correct. **Please type or print legibly.**

ART STUDENT NAME: _____
GRADE: _____

NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____
Maryland Zip: _____

PHONE: (HOME) _____ (WORK) _____ (CELL) _____

SCHOOL: _____

ART TEACHER: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

ART TEACHER PHONE: _____

TITLE OF ENTRY: _____

MEDIUM (be specific): _____ FRAME DIMENSIONS: _____

Student email: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Originality Certification

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the art entry described above is an original work or authorship by _____ and that it is not copied from, nor does it include, any other person's copyrighted work.

Teacher's Signature Date Student's Signature
Date

Artwork Release

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 An Artistic Discovery (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 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.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date Student's Signature
Date