

2010 NINTH CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur has requested the assistance of the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo (ACGT), Firelands Association for the Visual Arts (FAVA) and Oberlin College in organizing the 27th Annual Invitational Congressional Art Competition for high schools in the Ninth Congressional District. The competition is part of "Artistic Discovery," a nationwide activity initiated by members of the U.S. House of Representatives to recognize and encourage creative talent.

The first place entry will have his/her artwork placed on display in Washington, D.C. for one year. The two runners-up will display his/her artwork in Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur's office. Additional artworks will be chosen to receive other sponsored awards. All participants participating in the Invitational Exhibition will receive a Congressional Certificate indicating that his/her artwork was in this competition.

The Ninth Congressional District includes Lucas, Ottawa, Erie, and Lorain Counties. If any instructors have questions or concerns about their district location, please contact Theresa Morris-Ramos, at Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur's office, 419-259-7500 or 800-964-4699.

The following guidelines have been established for the Invitational Competition:

1. Each high school art instructor may submit two (2) entries. No student may be represented by more than one piece per instructor. No teacher's name may appear on more than 2 submissions.
2. All artworks must be framed. Frames should be kept as simple and sturdy as possible. Metal frames are recommended. No snap on frames with glass are to be used. All artwork must be protected by Plexiglas or glass. Plexiglas is preferred. If the artwork is abstract in design, please indicate on the back which side is up.
INAPPROPRIATELY FRAMED ARTWORK MAY BE REFUSED FROM EXHIBITION.
3. Each piece must include **two** typed or legibly printed cards (included with this fax or available at www.kaptur.house.gov) with identical information taped to the back upper left corner with the following information:
 - Name, address, email and phone number of student artist
 - Age, grade, and school of student artist
 - Instructor (first and last name), school phone number, and email address
 - Title of artwork (as will be printed in the exhibition program), art category, and framed dimensions of artwork
 - All cards must be signed by the student
 - All artwork must be delivered to the ACGT or FAVA, wrapped **and** placed in a portfolio. The portfolio must be labeled with names of the student, teacher and high school on the front of the portfolio. Acceptable portfolio material includes cardboard and bubble wrap. The portfolio must be able to be closed and/or tied. As this is a traveling exhibition, all artwork must be sufficiently covered to prevent damage in transit. This will assist the ACGT and FAVA staff in protecting the artwork. Every effort will be made to return packaging.
ANY ARTWORK SUBMITTED AND LACKING THE ATTACHED CARD, OR WITH INCOMPLETE INFORMATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED INTO THE EXHIBITION.
4. All artwork submitted must be the original work of the student artist. Artwork generated from an original photograph will only be accepted if the original photograph is attached to the back of the artwork. Any act of plagiarism will result in disqualification from the exhibition.
5. It is mandatory that all artwork be **two-dimensional**. If the artwork is to be considered for the winning award to be sent to Washington D.C., it can be **NO larger than 28" x 28" framed, with hanging devices mounted** (two sturdy eye hooks attached at the right and left sides of the back of the work in order to prevent the work from leaning forward or hanging unevenly) and **wire attached** to back of artwork. The artwork **cannot be more than 4 inches in depth**, and it may **not be heavier than 15 lbs in weight**.
6. The following categories for submission:
 - Painting (oil, watercolor, acrylic, etc.)
 - Drawings (pastels, colored pencil, charcoal, ink, markers)

- Collages (must be two dimensional)
 - Prints (lithograph, silk screen, monotype, woodcut, and intaglio methods)
 - Mixed Media
 - Photography
 - Computer Generated Art
7. All artwork will be accepted January 11 – 22, 2010. The final deadline for work drop-off is Friday January 22, 2010 by 4:30 p.m. to:

Arts Commission of Greater Toledo
1838 Parkwood Avenue, Suite 120
Toledo, Ohio 43604
419-254-2787

Email: mcarlson@acgt.org

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30

OFFICE CLOSED on Monday, January 18, 2010

Firelands Association for the Visual Arts

New Union Ctr for the Arts 39 South Main St

Oberlin, OH 44074

440-774-2166

Email: FAVAGALLERY@OBERLIN.NET

Hours: Tues-Sat 11am-5pm, Sunday, 1pm-5pm.

Special arrangements can be made for a Monday, January 18 drop off. Please call to arrange.

8. Rights of refusal:
- Artwork exceeds size restrictions.
 - Quality of craftsmanship on behalf of framing or matting (example: broken glass, scratched plexiglas, torn or discolored mats, unsuitable framing and material not meeting hanging standards).
 - The Arts Commission of Greater Toledo and its partners reserve the right to make final decision for selection of all artwork displayed during the show. While we submit the first place entry to be hung in the U.S. Capitol, the final decision regarding suitability for the Exhibition will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol.
9. Artwork will be on display in the lobby of the **Fifth Third Center at One Seagate**, in downtown Toledo, Ohio. Exhibition dates are February 1 -21, 2010. Continuation of this exhibit will take place from March 1 - 21, 2010 at **Oberlin College**, in Oberlin, Ohio. The reception and award ceremony dates are too to be determined.
10. All artwork must stay for the entire duration of the exhibition and may not be withdrawn once accepted for the exhibition.
11. A selected jury of professionals representing the art community will be appointed to judge entries for: First Place, Two Runners-up, Honorable Mentions, and additional sponsored awards. Awards given are based upon the merit of the artwork.
12. At the conclusion of the exhibition all artwork is to be picked up by the instructors. The work must be picked up during the week of March 29, 2010 no later than April 2nd, 2010 by 4:30 pm.

Thank you for your time and effort in making the 27th Annual Invitational Congressional Art Competition a success.

Important Dates to Remember

Date	Activity	Notes
January 11 – 22, 2010	Ability to drop off artwork	Call to arrange if work needs to be dropped off sooner than these dates.
January 22, 2010 @ 4:30 pm	Deadline for Submissions	Drop off at FAVA and ACGT (see times above)
February 1 - 21, 2010	Toledo Show	One Seagate Lobby
TBD	Toledo Reception	4:00pm refreshments provided
March 1 – 19, 2010	Oberlin Show	Oberlin College Science Center
TBD	Oberlin Reception	1:00pm refreshments provided
Week of March 29, 2010	Artwork ready for pick up	FAVA/ACGT (see times above)