



2026 RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES

Important Dates

May 1	Overall District Winner's Information Due to the Congressional Institute Overall winner must be selected by May 1 and the information from the Student Information and Release Form and a copy of the Letter of Support must be submitted to the Congressional Institute. The Member must sign the Letter of Support. The winner's info may be submitted online: https://cvent.me/vYsM4x
May 12	Framed Art Due in DC Office More information on art submission will be provided later. Please note the framing guidelines below. These guidelines apply only to your overall winner.
May 19	Art Intake (When You Submit Your Winning Artwork to the Congressional Institute) Location: TBA Alabama-Michigan: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm Minnesota-Wyoming: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
June 25	Congressional Art Competition Winners' Celebration Location: Capitol Visitor Center Alabama-Michigan: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Minnesota-Wyoming: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm More information will be sent to the District and DC staff who have registered for Congressional Art Competition updates.

Questions

If you have any questions, please contact the Congressional Institute at 703-837-8812 or art@conginst.org.

General Information

The rules and regulations contained here apply to the 2026 competition generally. Each Member of Congress may establish additional rules for his or her district competition.

The competition is open to high school students. Members may choose whether to include 7th and 8th grade students in the art competition if schools located in their districts house 7th through 12th grades on one campus.

Each Member of Congress may designate only one first-place winner for display in the Cannon Tunnel.

Official resources are to be used only to the extent authorized by the Committee on House Administration and the Committee on Ethics. For guidance, please contact the Committee on House Administration at 202-225-8281 and/or the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.

To allow artwork to hang in the Cannon Tunnel to the U.S. Capitol, the following rules are enforced:

- All artwork must be framed according to the appropriate framing guidelines, listed below.
- Artwork must be two-dimensional.
- Artwork can be **no larger** than 26 inches high, 26 inches wide, 4 inches deep, and 15 pounds, **including the frame**.
- Accepted mediums for the two-dimensional artwork are as follows:
 - Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.