



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

Dear art teacher,

I would like to notify you that my office is now taking submissions for the 2012 Congressional Art Competition. The annual competition, which has selected winners from each of the U.S. Congressional Districts and Territories since 1982, is open to any high school student in the 13<sup>th</sup> District of Texas.

The winning artwork will be selected by an independent panel of educators and art professionals, and it will be displayed for the entire year in the United States Capitol. In addition, the winning student will be invited to participate in the exhibition's opening celebration in Washington, D.C. this summer.

The guidelines for submissions are attached to this email and can also be found on my website (<http://thornberry.house.gov/art>). A number of mediums—listed in the competition guidelines—will be allowed for submission, but all entries must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. Copyright laws. The winner will be responsible for framing his or her own entry and shipping it to my office in Amarillo. All entries—including the frame—should be no larger than 28" x 28" x 4" and cannot weigh more than 15 pounds.

Any student interested in submitting an entry should take a digital photo of their work and submit it, along with the 2012 Student Information Release Form, via email to [cary.wright@mail.house.gov](mailto:cary.wright@mail.house.gov). The photograph should include the submission only and should reflect the best representation of the art. All entries should be submitted digitally to my office by May 1, 2012. The winner will be announced on May 5, 2012.

I hope you will share this opportunity with your students. Please see the attached guidelines for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Cary Wright by phone (202-225-3706) or email ([cary.wright@mail.house.gov](mailto:cary.wright@mail.house.gov)).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mac Thornberry".

Rep. Mac Thornberry (TX-13)