



## **2018 Congressional Art Competition**

Congressman Jamie Raskin welcomes you to the 38th Annual Congressional Art Competition for high school students from Maryland's 8th Congressional District.

Each spring, the Congressional Institute sponsors an art competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent in high schools in each congressional district nationwide. Since the Artistic Discovery competition began in 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have participated.

The Art competition is a juried event. Artist jurors from across the district will select artwork from the submitted pieces for inclusion in the exhibition. The submission deadline for artwork is March 2, 2018 and must be done [online](#). Student artists selected for the exhibition will be notified on March 8, 2018. Submission information details can be found below, attached, and linked where noted. Selected entries will be exhibited at VisArts (155 Gibbs Street, Rockville, Maryland 20850) from March 16, 2018 through April 1, 2018.

Congressman Raskin will also host a reception on Saturday, March 17th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at VisArts. The reception aims to underscore the importance of arts education in high schools, showcase the student artwork, honor all artists, and announce awards. The grand prize-winning entry from our district will hang in the House of Representatives' Cannon Tunnel for the duration of the Congressional Art Competition exhibit.

If you have questions or require additional assistance, please contact Nina Weisbroth in Congressman Raskin's District Office at 301-254-1000 or [nina.weisbroth@mail.house.gov](mailto:nina.weisbroth@mail.house.gov).

## **SUBMISSION INFORMATION** **Congressman Jamie Raskin, MD-08**

- ❖ The submission deadline is **March 2, 2018**.
- ❖ Every high school student may submit one piece.
- ❖ Submissions will only be accepted online at:  
<https://visarts.submittable.com/submit/107338/congressional-art-exhibition>
- ❖ Artwork submitted for exhibition **MUST** be accompanied by a completed **Student Information & Submission Form** which can be found online at:  
<https://raskin.house.gov/sites/raskin.house.gov/files/art%20release%202018%20%281%29.pdf>
  - » “Completed” means the form includes all information and **signatures from student, parent/guardian and art teacher**.

### **Submitted artwork must conform to these guidelines:**

- Applicant must be a current high school student living in Maryland’s 8th District.
- Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate U.S. copyright laws.
- 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 gruesome nature are not allowed.
- Artwork must be two-dimensional.
- Accepted mediums for the two-dimensional artwork are as follows:
  - Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
  - Drawings: colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal (it is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed)
  - Prints: lithographs, silk screen, block prints
  - Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
  - Collages (must be two dimensional)
  - Computer-generated art
  - Photographs

Selection for display of student artwork at Congressman Raskin’s exhibition  
will be announced on March 8, 2018.

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### **Artwork accepted for exhibition must conform to these guidelines:**

- Artwork submitted for exhibition **MUST** be accompanied by a **completed [Student Information & Submission Form](https://raskin.house.gov/sites/raskin.house.gov/files/art%20release%202018%20%281%29.pdf)** which can be found online at:  
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  - “Completed” means the form must include all information and **signatures from student, parent/guardian and art teacher**.
- Work entered must be in the original medium (that is, not a scanned reproduction of a painting or drawing).
- Artwork can be no larger than 26 inches high, 26 inches wide, and 4 inches in depth and must not weigh more than 15 pounds when framed.
- Artwork must be enhanced and protected by a sturdy frame and wired for hanging.
- Frames must be made of wood or metal.
  - Please do not use plastic “snap on” frames or metal frames that can easily break.
- Two sturdy eye hooks or the equivalent **must** be attached at the top right and left sides of the back of the frame for hanging to prevent the work from leaning forward or hanging unevenly. Place wire between the hooks for hanging at the district exhibition.
- Please indicate which side is ‘up’ by marking arrows pointing towards the top on the back.
- Using the largest label you have available, type this information and securely apply to the back of the piece:
  - Student Name:
  - Address:
  - Phone Number:
  - Email Address:
  - Title:
  - Medium:
  - Member’s Name: *Congressman Jamie Raskin*
  - State and District: *MD-08*
- All artwork, except paintings in oil or acrylic on canvas, must be protected by Plexiglas or glass. Plexiglas is preferred.

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Artwork selected for exhibition must be dropped off in advance. Dates, times and locations for drop off include:

### **Saturday, March 10, 2018**

From 11:00 a.m.-to 1:30 p.m. at:

- ***Carroll County Arts Center***  
91 W Main St, Westminster, MD 21157
- ***Frederick Arts Council***  
11 W Patrick St, Ste 201, Frederick, MD 21701

From 12:00 p.m.-to 2:00 p.m. at:

- ***VisArts***  
155 Gibbs St, Rockville, MD 20850

### **Sunday, March 11, 2018**

From 12:00 p.m.to 2:00 p.m. at:

- ***VisArts***  
155 Gibbs St, Rockville, MD 20850

### **Monday, March 12, 2018**

From 4:00 p.m.to 6:00 p.m. at:

- ***VisArts***  
155 Gibbs St, Rockville, MD 20850

### **REMINDERS:**

- One piece of art per student may be submitted at the [online registration](https://visarts.submittable.com/submit/107338/congressional-art-exhibition) at:  
<https://visarts.submittable.com/submit/107338/congressional-art-exhibition>
- No artwork will be accepted for exhibition without a **completed [Student Information & Submission Form](#)**, including all information and **signatures from student, parent/guardian, and art teacher** which can be found at:  
<https://raskin.house.gov/sites/raskin.house.gov/files/art%20release%202018%20%281%29.pdf>
- For complete instructions, see the [Rules and Regulations for Students and Teachers](#) online at:  
<https://www.house.gov/sites/default/files/uploads/documents/2017-Rules-for-Students-and-Teachers%20.pdf> (please note that rules for 2018's competition will be identical to the 2017 rules).

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