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Greetings!

It's time once again for students from around our country to take part in the 2015 Congressional Art Competition. The winning entry from each congressional district, including the Northern Mariana Islands, will be exhibited for a year here at the U.S. Capitol.

Enclosed with this letter is the information your students will need to see if they are eligible to participate in the competition and what the guidelines are for their artwork. Please, make these rules available to your school's art classes and to any students you know, who may be interested and who meet the eligibility requirements.

This is the seventh year that the Northern Mariana Islands will be participating in the Congressional Art Competition. As in years past, there is no specific theme for the artwork. Students should express themselves and their artistic talents in any way that inspires them.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, April 10, 2015. Entries should be delivered or mailed to one of your congressional offices on Saipan, Rota or Tinian. The offices are open Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm. On Saipan the office is also open Saturday 8:00am-12:00pm. The office addresses are:

Saipan District Office

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P.O. Box 504879
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Rota District Office

Dolores Plaza Building
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P.O. Box 1361
Rota, MP 96951
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Tinian District Office

Edu's Plaza
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P. O. Box 520394
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Thank you for the work you do with our students in the Northern Mariana Islands and for bringing art to life.

Sincerely,



GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN
Member of Congress



2015 Congressional Art Competition



*The competition is open to student's grades 9 through 12
in the Northern Mariana Islands.*

Theme: Artists' choice

General Guidelines:

Artwork must be two-dimensional. Each artwork can be no larger than 28 inches long, 28 inches wide, 4 inches deep and weigh no more than 10 pounds.

Accepted mediums for the two-dimensional artwork are as follows:

- Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
- Drawings: colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal
- Collages: must be two dimensional
- Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
- Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
- Computer-generated art
- Photographs

Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate U.S. copyright laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo or image (including a painting, graphic, or advertisement) that was created by someone other than the student is a violation of the competition rules and will not be accepted. Work entered must be in the original medium (that is, not a scanned reproduction of a painting or drawing).

Suitability Guidelines:

As outlined in these guidelines, the final decision regarding the suitability of all artwork for the 2015 Congressional Art Competition 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 this highly travelled area leading to 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 gruesome nature are not allowed. It is necessary that all artwork be reviewed by the panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol and any portion not in consonance with the Commission's policy will be omitted from the exhibit.

Student Information and Release Form:

Each entry must submit a Student Information and Release Form. The information requested on the first page of the form should be provided as thoroughly as possible.

Students should be sure to list their mailing addresses, if they differ from their home addresses. Students should also include contact information that will be valid for several years. The form requires a description of the artwork, which should be detailed, clearly identifying the major elements of the work. For example, "self-portrait" or "a picture of two people" would be unacceptable, due to the large number of works that would fit that description. The following is an example of an acceptable description: "A painting of two people; the person on the left wears a green sweater and khaki pants; the person on the right wears a black shirt and a striped skirt. A dog sits at their feet."

The second page of the Student Information and Release Form contains a legal release and a certification that the artwork is original in design and execution. The student, an art teacher, and a parent or guardian must sign where appropriate. Entries without signed originality certifications and artwork releases may not be accepted.

A typed copy of the Student Information and Release Form, signed by the teacher, a parent or guardian, and the student, must be securely attached to the back of the artwork to certify the originality of the piece. Please retain a copy for your records.

Guidelines (Overall Winner):

Please indicate which side is the top by marking arrows pointing towards the top and bottom on the back.
Each work must have a label with this information securely applied to the back:

<p><u>Student Name:</u></p> <p><u>Address:</u></p> <p><u>Phone Number:</u></p> <p><u>Title:</u></p> <p><u>Medium:</u></p>
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The Northern Mariana Islands winner will be selected by a panel of local judges and will be notified with further information after judging.

**Artworks can be submitted starting from
Monday, March 16, 2015 to Friday, April 10, 2015**

Entries should be delivered or mailed to your Congressional Office on Saipan, Rota or Tinian, open Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm and Saturday 8:00am-12:00pm (Saipan only).

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**Thank you for participating in the
2015 Congressional Art Competition.**

2015 Congressional Art Competition Student Information & Release Form

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. THIS INFORMATION IS USED FOR CERTIFICATES AND AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS.
INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

MEMBER/DISTRICT INFORMATION	
MEMBER OF CONGRESS NAME:	STATE & DISTRICT:

STUDENT INFORMATION		
NAME:	GRADE:	
STREET ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT):		
STUDENT EMAIL:	STUDENT PHONE (CELL):	
T-SHIRT SIZE:		
PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME(S):		
PARENT PHONE (HOME):	PARENT PHONE (WORK or CELL):	

SCHOOL		
SCHOOL NAME:		
STREET ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
ART TEACHER NAME:		
ART TEACHER PHONE:	ART TEACHER EMAIL:	

ART COMPETITION ENTRY
TITLE OF ENTRY:
MEDIUM:
DESCRIPTION:
Please include a detailed description of the artwork, clearly identifying the major elements of the piece.
For office use only: FRAMED DIMENSIONS: Height: _____ inches Width: _____ inches Depth: _____ inches See official guidelines for framed size and artwork weight restrictions.

2015 Congressional Art Competition

Student Information & Release Form

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STUDENT NAME:	STATE & DISTRICT:
TITLE OF ENTRY:	

ORIGINALITY CERTIFICATION	
I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the art entry described above is an original work of authorship by the undersigned student and that it is not copied from, nor does it include, any other person's copyrighted work.	
<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> STUDENT SIGNATURE	<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> ART TEACHER SIGNATURE

ARTWORK RELEASE	
<p>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 <i>An Artistic Discovery</i> (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 is 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, the United States, and the Congressional Institute, Inc., and its employees, the right to reproduce the art entry for any non-commercial purpose. The undersigned further release the Member, the House, their employees and agents, the United States, and the Congressional Institute, Inc., and its employees, 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, the United States, and the Congressional Institute, Inc., and its employees, 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.</p>	
<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> STUDENT SIGNATURE	<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (IF UNDER 18)

MEMBER APPROVAL (FOR OVERALL WINNER ONLY)	
I have viewed the above-signed student's artwork and approve of its content. I understand that by signing this form I am supporting this artwork and am responsible for its content.	
<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> MEMBER SIGNATURE	<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> PRINT DISTRICT OFFICE CONTACT NAME <hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/> PRINT DC OFFICE CONTACT NAME