

TEACHER PACKET

2026 Congressional Art Competition ***An Artistic Discovery***

Sponsored by Congressman Mike Turner, 10th Congressional District

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ANNOUNCEMENT FOR TEACHERS

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The 10th District Congressional Art Competition sponsored by Congressman Mike Turner and the Congressional Arts Caucus is scheduled for 2026. The Congressional Art Competition was created to encourage and recognize the rich artistic talents of young Americans.

This teacher packet includes the guidelines and information you will need in selecting and submitting the entries from your school. **If you have questions, please contact Congressman Turner's office at (937) 225-2843.**

All qualified entries will be due in Congressman Mike Turner's Dayton District office on or before Thursday, March 26th, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. The grand-prize winner and runners-up will be announced at the ceremony and each participant will be honored with a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from Congressman Mike Turner. The Certificate of Recognition will be mailed to all art teachers so you are able to distribute them to your student participants. The exhibit this year will be in person. The artwork will be available for viewing at the Dayton Art Institute. Additional information on the exhibit will be provided as it becomes available.

Scholarships may be provided to the first, second and third-place finishers. Depending on the first-place winner's choice, there may be remaining scholarships, as some scholarships are only offered to first place winners. The second and third place winners may choose from the remaining scholarships. Competition winners' decisions must be declared to Congressman Mike Turner's Office, within one month of the conclusion of the contest.

If there are scholarships unclaimed, they may be offered through a lottery selection to those students who received an honorable mention. More detailed scholarship information will be provided in a follow-up letter.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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- This competition is open to high school students (grades 9, 10, 11 and 12).
- The student **must** attend a school that is within the 10th Congressional District.
- Artwork is limited to one (1) entry per student.
- Artwork **must** be two-dimensional.
- The artwork **must** be hang ready (it can be matted or framed for display purposes if desired).
- The hang-ready artwork must not exceed framed dimensions of **24"wide x 24"high x 4"deep** to allow for potential reframing if chosen as the grand prize winner.
- All artwork **must** be delivered/picked up by the teacher **only** at:
Dayton District Office
120 W Third St. Ste 305
Dayton, Ohio 45402
(937) 225-2843

Drop off ArtworkNow (by appointment) through 5:00P.M. on Thursday, March 26^h, 2026

Pick Up Artwork.....Wednesday, May 6th, 2026
Congressman Turner's Office

***Do not enter any art that is needed for another show prior to this date.
We will NOT take down art prior to pick up date.***

Congressman Turner's district office can also provide assistance with the pickup of artwork if necessary. **Pick up can be scheduled up through 5:00P.M. Wednesday, March 25th, 2026.** For information, contact Congressman Turner's office at (937) 225-2843.

Each piece of artwork must be accompanied by two (2) completed *Student Information/Release Forms*. One of these forms must be taped to the back of the artwork. Please see the last page for availability and accessibility of the forms.

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General Information Continued

Artwork must be within the following categories:

- Painting (oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.)
- Drawing (pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers, etc.)
- Collage (must be two-dimensional)
- Print (lithograph, silk screen, block prints)
- Photography
- Computer Generated Art
- Mixed Media (any combination of the above)

Entry must be an original concept; the entry ***may not*** reproduce an image from a third party's work in the same or other medium. Please- no glitter or feathers should be part of the artwork.

The work may not violate the U.S. Copyright Laws.

Note: Any entry which has been reproduced from an existing photo, painting or any other work is in violation of the competition rules and will not be accepted.

Final decision regarding suitability for exhibition in the Capitol shall be at the discretion of a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol.

Notifications of prizes and participation certificates will be announced following the judging, or by the 3rd of May, 2026.

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Exhibition on View April 6th, 2026- May 3rd, 2026
The Dayton Art Institute

Announcement of Winners..... Sunday, May 3rd, 2026

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STUDENT RELEASE FORM

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Hosted by The Dayton Art Institute

Two copies of the Student Release Form completed legibly and accurately **MUST** be completed and accompany each student entry. A copy is provided to this packet

Artwork will NOT be accepted unless the following criteria is met:

- Two copies of a completed Student Information/Release form have been submitted and are **legible and accurate**.
- **Please make sure that one copy of the Student Information/Release Form is attached to the back of the student's artwork. The second form should be attached to accompanying forms and placed in a folder.**

Uniform labels will be created by Congressman Turner's Office from the information provided.

Please check the submission on the Student Information/Release form for spelling errors and accuracy.

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- I have distributed a copy of the Student Release form to each participating student.
- Each student's entry is an original work of art and meets all competition criteria.
- Two (2) Student/Information Release Forms have been completed for each student. One of the completed forms is taped to the back of each piece of artwork. This form can be downloaded at <http://turner.house.gov/ConstituentServices/artcompetition.htm>
- I dropped off my students' entries or contacted Congressman Turner's office to make arrangements for pick up.
- I picked up my students' entries or contacted Congressman Turner's office to make arrangements for drop off.

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