



2025 Congressional Art Competition

Congressman Rick Crawford

Each spring, the Congressional Art Competition sponsored by the U.S. House of Representatives recognizes and encourages the artistic talent of high-school students throughout Arkansas' 1st Congressional District. The "Best-in-Show" winning piece is displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol, and its student artist will receive paid airfare for two to travel to Washington D.C. to attend the national Congressional Art Competition winners' reception.

INSTRUCTIONS

Competition begins: **February 23, 2025**

Submission deadline: **April 14, 2025**

One artwork submission per student, grades 9-12, no limit of teachers' submissions

Enter artwork in one of the seven medium categories

Artwork must be original in concept, and cannot violate any U.S. copyright laws; **Must be 2-Dimensional** and dimensions may not exceed 26" x 26"

Each student's artwork file must be named in this order: **Art title, student's name, school, grade, teacher last name, medium category** (ex. Bright Lights, Sherrie Mitchell, Jonesboro HS, 12, Smith, Painting)

Teachers will submit student's information and artwork online at this [link](#). Artwork should be submitted as a pdf, jpeg, or tiff.

MEDIUM CATEGORIES

Painting– oil, acrylics, watercolor

Drawing– pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink and markers

Mixed media– The combination of 2 or more media, including acrylics, oils, crayons, pencils,

Photography– color and-black and-white (no filter or computer enhancement)

Collage– rearrangement of preexisting elements, such as cut up paper of all types and other small items

Prints– lithographs, silkscreen, block prints and etching

Digital– using a computer to transform original art or create digital art

WINNERS

1st-3rd place winners and up to 10 finalists will be chosen from each category. The first-place winners will be honored at a reception hosted by Congressman Crawford and their artwork will be displayed publicly during the summer.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

Public online voting will be held **April 18th - 25th**
Voting for People's Choice Award will be held on our Facebook page: AR01 Art Competition.

BEST IN SHOW

The overall winner's artwork will be displayed at the U.S. Capitol, and will receive airfare for two to attend CAC reception in D.C. with other national winners.