

# 2017 Congressional Art Competition Rules & Guidelines for 36th Congressional District of Texas

**All students and teachers should review the rules and guidelines.**

## **ENTRIES**

The competition is open to high school students who are permanent residents of the 36th Congressional District of Texas (Newton, Jasper, Tyler, Polk, Orange, Hardin, Liberty, and Chambers counties, as well as portions of southeastern Harris County).

## **GUIDELINES**

- **ALL ENTRIES MUST FOLLOW "THE GREAT OUTDOORS OF TX-36" THEME (No other entries will be accepted)**
  - Depictions of "The Great Outdoors of TX-36" may include national, state, and municipal parks; wildlife; beaches; marshes; seashores, landscapes; and other scenes from across the District.
  - **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. If an entrant is unsure about whether a piece of artwork is acceptable, he or she should contact the staff of his or her Member of Congress; the congressional staff can speak with personnel who can determine whether the artwork would be accepted.
  - First, second and third place winning artwork must be available for the entire year of the exhibition and cannot be returned to the students earlier. Students should, therefore, submit artwork they will not need for other purposes. Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission. In accordance with this policy, artwork depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or a sensationalistic or gruesome nature is not allowed.
  - The first place entry will be displayed for one year in a national exhibit, representing the people of the 36th District, in the Cannon Tunnel of the United States Capitol building in Washington, D.C. Additionally, the first place recipient must be able to participate in the national awards reception in Washington, D.C. Round-trip airfare and accommodations for two to Washington will be provided.
- **All artworks are required to be original in composition and content and individual expression.**
  - Each entry must be original in concept, design and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo (other than the student's own), painting, graphic, advertisement, or any other work produced by another person 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).
- **Accepted media includes:**
  - **Painting;** oil, acrylics, watercolor, tempera, or gouache. Must be completely dry when submitting.

- **Drawing**; pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers (charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed)
- **Printmaking**; block print, monoprint, collagraph, serigraph, intaglio, or lithograph.
- **Mixed media**; two or more 2D media are combined in a single two-dimensional entry. Materials may extend up to three (3) inches from the wall.
- **Digital Art**; Compositions rendered directly on the computer, starting with **a blank workspace**.
- **Photography**; All entries must be original traditional or digital photographs taken by the student artist.

➤ **Artwork dimensions**

- **Minimum** dimensions-11x14" including up to a 3 ½" mat.
- **Maximum** dimension-no larger than 28" x 28" x 4" including up to a 3 1/2" mat.

➤ **Mats**

- Artwork must be matted or mounted with black or white **mat** or presentation board, and must also include board backing. Mat must be sturdy. Minimum 1" border **cannot** exceed 3 ½" on any side.

➤ **Artwork may not weigh more than 15 pounds**

➤ **Forms**

- **All artwork must have Student information & release forms attached on the back.**
- **Each artwork must have a label with this information securely applied to the back:**  
This information should be typed.
  - o Student
    - Name
    - Address
    - Phone Number
    - Email Address
  - o Artwork Title
  - o Medium
  - o School Name / District
  - o Teacher Name
  - o Member's Name State and District -**Congressman Brian Babin, Texas-District 36**

❖ **Intent to Participate form No later than Friday, February 17, 2017**

- Teachers or home school students should submit their intent to participate form by Friday, February 17, 2017 to or send an email to Ms. Beverly Ferguson, Regional Director of Community Relations, at [tx36artcompetition@gmail.com](mailto:tx36artcompetition@gmail.com) with the following information.
  - o School District Name
  - o Teacher/Homeschool Group Name, email, and phone number
  - o Estimate number of students that will participate
    - 1-5
    - 5-10
    - 10-20
    - 20-30
    - 30+

❖ **Teacher Inventory Form due on March 3, 2017**

- Teachers must email the inventory list form by Friday, March 3, 2017 to Ms. Beverly Ferguson, Regional Director of Community Relations, at [tx36artcompetition@gmail.com](mailto:tx36artcompetition@gmail.com)

❖ **Submission Drop-Off Dates: March 6- 10, 2017**

- Artwork entries will be accepted between March 6-10, 2017 at Congressman Babin's three District Offices: Deer Park (832) 780-0966, Orange (409) 883-8075, and Woodville (844) 303-8934
- Teachers and Students please review the Submission Checklist. A signed Information and Release must be attached to the back of each piece at the time of submission.

❖ **Notification of Acceptance: March 22, 2017**

- Teachers will be notified by email with the names of students whose artwork reached the final jurying. Accepted artwork will be displayed at the Crosby Community Center, 409 Hare Rd, Crosby, TX 77532

❖ **Awards Presentation: Crosby Community Center, 409 Hare Rd, Crosby, TX 77532 starting at 11:00am on April 1, 2017.**

- The event is free and open to the public. We invite all students, families, teachers and the general public to view this celebration of the great artistic talent of our local high school students. There will be hors d'oeuvres during the exhibition, followed by a short recognition program, culminating in the announcement of the winners of "The Great Outdoors of TX-36.
- The second and third place entries will be displayed for one year in Congressman Babin's Washington and District offices, respectively.

❖ **Exhibition Opening in Washington D.C. – mid June (Date – To Be Announced)**

- Each year there is an event for the unveiling of the student artwork from all across the nation. The winning student will be invited to this forum and to visit Congressman Babin in Washington, D.C. (*Travel will be provided to the winner from each Congressional District*).