

Congressman Joe Sestak Announces:

An Artistic Discovery: 2008 ART COMPETITION GUIDELINES

General Guidelines

- The competition is open to high school students only. Exceptions will be made for schools that have 7th through 12th grades in one building.
- In order to allow an artwork to hang in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol, the following restrictions are necessary:
 1. Piece must be two-dimensional
 2. Each piece can be **no larger** than 30 inches by 30 inches to the outside dimensions of the frame (change from last year)
 3. No more than 4 inches in depth
- Artwork will hang in the Capitol for **the entire year** of the exhibition and cannot be returned to students earlier. Students, therefore, should submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.
- Artwork categories are as follows:
 - Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
 - Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers
 - Collage: must be two dimensional
 - Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
 - Mixed media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, etc.
 - Computer generated art
 - Photography
- A copy of the Student Release Form, signed by both the student and teacher, must be attached to the back of the artwork to certify the originality of the piece. Each entry must be an original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S copyright laws.
 - Note: Any entry which has been reproduced from an existing photo, painting, graphic, advertisement or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and **will not** be accepted.

Adhesive Label (label information should be typed)

Congressman Joe Sestak, PA-07

Title of Piece

Medium

Student Name

Student Address, Phone Number and School District

Suitability Guidelines

- As outlined in these guidelines, the final decision regarding suitability for exhibition in the Capitol is left to 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 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 portions not in consonance with the Commission's policy will be omitted from the exhibit.

Please forward any questions to Jon Dworkin in our district office (610) 892-8623.