



Congressional Institute Announces 2025 Congressional Art Competition

Washington, D.C. – The Congressional Institute is pleased to announce the opening of the **2025 Congressional Art Competition**. The bipartisan co-chairs for this year’s competition are **Congressman Scott Franklin** (R-FL-18) and **Congressman Chris Deluzio** (D-PA-17).

“Since established in 1982, the Congressional Art Competition has promoted the artistic abilities of America’s next generation of creative visionaries and connected these visionaries with their representatives in the U.S. Congress. The Congressional Institute has hosted the Competition since 2009, providing logistical support and guidance to Congressional offices and sponsoring the Winners’ Celebration event held at the Capitol Visitor Center each June. We are delighted to work with Congressman Franklin and Congressman Deluzio as this year’s co-chairs,” said Congressional Institute President and CEO Kelle Strickland.

“We are also incredibly grateful to **Southwest Airlines**, which has generously pledged to award each District’s first-place winner two tickets to travel to the Winners’ Celebration at the U.S. Capitol in June. The Celebration is an opportunity for these young artists, from across the country, to see where federal laws are made and passed and to see where their artistic talents can take them! Without Southwest Airlines’ continued generosity, many winners - if not most – could not visit the “People’s House” for the Celebration honoring their talents. Southwest Airlines has provided airfare to the winners since 2002,” Strickland continued.

“I am honored to serve as co-chair of the 2025 Congressional Art Competition to help showcase the incredible talent of budding young artists from across the country,” **said Congressman Franklin**. “This competition provides a one-of-a-kind platform to highlight local talent by displaying their work in the U.S. Capitol, forming one of the most visited art exhibits in the nation. I encourage all eligible students to participate, and I look forward to seeing the inspiring artwork that will soon decorate the walls of the People’s House.”

“The Congressional Art Competition is a powerful celebration of the talent and creativity of young artists across the country, and I am grateful to co-chair this year’s competition alongside Congressman Scott Franklin,” **said Congressman Deluzio**. “Western Pennsylvania has been home to so many talented artists, and I’m excited to help us perhaps find the next Andy Warhol to share with the country. I welcome all eligible young artists to participate in the 2025 Congressional Art Competition for a chance to have their art nationally recognized and displayed in the halls of Congress.”

About the Congressional Art Competition

The Congressional Art Competition, created in 1982, is an officially sanctioned bipartisan event designed to encourage the artistic talents of high school students from across the country as they compete for an opportunity to have their artwork displayed in the heart of the U.S. Capitol. The competition is sponsored annually by each Member of the U.S. House of Representatives and the Congressional Institute.

Each Congressional office hosts its own competition for high school students in their district using its own criteria. Once a winner is selected, their artwork is displayed for 11 months in the U.S. Capitol, thereby enjoyed by Members of Congress, staff, and visitors from around the world. With millions passing by the exhibit each year, it is one of the most-viewed art installations in the country.

For more about the Congressional Art Competition, click [here](#). To find out more about how to enter, click [here](#).

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