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Tennessee Congressional District 3  
High Schools – Grades 9 - 12  
Principals and Art Teachers

Dear Educators,

I would like to take this opportunity to invite your 9th – 12th grade students to participate in the annual United States House of Representatives Congressional Art Competition.

Each spring, the Congressional Institute sponsors a nationwide high school visual art competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the nation and in each congressional district. The competition provides an opportunity for members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents.

For the 2015 competition, my office is partnering with the Tennessee Wesleyan College Art Department in Athens, Tennessee where student submissions will be displayed and the Awards Reception and Ceremony will be held. Students submit entries, as outlined in the enclosed guidelines. Entries are judged by a panel of talented and uniquely qualified local artists. The winning entry will be displayed in the United States Capitol in Washington, DC for one year. Additionally, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place pieces will be displayed in my District Offices.

The first place winner will also be recognized both at a district Awards Ceremony and at an annual Awards Ceremony in Washington, DC. Since the Congressional Art Competition began in 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have participated.

I look forward to receiving your students' artwork, and seeing your students' talent. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Harstine in my Chattanooga office at (423)756-2342 or at [michelle.harstine@mail.house.gov](mailto:michelle.harstine@mail.house.gov) You may view winning artwork from previous years at [http://www.house.gov/content/educate/art\\_competition/](http://www.house.gov/content/educate/art_competition/)

It is an honor to serve as your Representative in the United States Congress.

Sincerely,

Chuck Fleischmann  
Member of Congress