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- Open to **high school students only**
- Artwork must be **two-dimensional**, but may include any of the following medias
 - Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
 - Drawings: pastels, colored pencils, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers, etc.
 - Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
 - Mixed Media
 - Computer Generated Art
 - Photography
- Each piece must be framed by the artist and be **no larger than 28 inches high x 28 inches wide x 4 inches deep** (including the frame)
- Each piece **cannot weigh more than 15 lbs** (including the frame)
- "Snap on" frames with glass are not allowed. Metal Frames with Plexiglas are recommended and preferred.
- 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's rules and will not be accepted. Work entered must be in the original medium (not a scanned reproduction of the piece).
- The theme this year is "Patriotism in the Heartland", and each piece should depict some aspect of that theme.
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- 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.**

Deadlines

Please stay tuned for deadline information regarding the next contest in early 2016. If you would like to receive further information once it is available, please let our office know and we will be sure to keep you updated.

Washington DC Winner Ceremony

- Each congressional district picks a winning art piece to be hung in the U.S. Capitol. There will be a ceremony over the summer to unveil all of the winning artwork from across the country. The date has yet to be determined.
- The Second and Third place winners will have their artwork hung in the Congresswoman's District Offices
- In the past the winner has been awarded two round-trip tickets to Washington, DC for the ceremony.

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