

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-4608**

**2020 Congressional Art Competition**  
**CALL FOR ART UPDATES – APRIL 2020**

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Now, more than ever, we all could benefit from celebrating artistic expression. This challenging set of circumstances has presented a unique opportunity for us to move forward with the 2020 Congressional Art Competition in Virginia's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District! Grades 9-12 are invited to participate.

In the past, the National Art Education Association in Alexandria has graciously hosted our exhibit. Due to COVID-19, Congresswoman Beyer invites you to submit your works of art virtually.

Students are invited to submit **one** overall digital image of their artwork, along with **two optional** "detail images" that highlight a specific detail or different angle of the piece allowing for a more complex view of the work. Images should be submitted by email to

We will not need to adhere to the earlier framing guidelines for submissions but the **winning piece will be required** to meet the previously established framing guidelines as it will still be on display in the U.S. Capitol.

We look forward to seeing entries in the usual categories displayed in the past, such as painting, photography, drawing, mixed media, computer-generated images, etc. Do not allow the challenge of not having access to familiar art supplies or that specific piece you were working on at your school studio to be a limiting factor. We invite you to embrace this opportunity to view the world around you and consider the everyday materials in your home environment and nature to be a source of inspiration and an invitation for exploration

Attached you will find the [Rules and Regulations for Students and Teachers](#), the mandatory Student Release Form, and the [2020 Art Submission Checklist](#).

Please **tape** the [Student Release Form](#) securely to the back of the submission and send Sarah in Rep. Beyer's office a copy. The form must be legible for submission.

**Important Changes**

**Submission Due Date:** Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

**VA 10<sup>th</sup> District Virtual Awards Ceremony Time & Date:** TBD

**VA 10<sup>th</sup> District Awards Ceremony Location:** Facebook Live. Congresswoman Wexton will announce "Best in Show" and honorable mention in each category. We will hear from our panel of judges and a local artist.

*If you have any issues with this time frame, please contact Sarah in Rep. Beyer's Office at 703-658-5403 to coordinate an alternate plan.*

**Digital Artwork Submission Method:** Email images to Wexton.ArtCompetition.2020@gmail.com. Individual arrangements will be made for the collection of the Best in Show piece to be transported to DC.

**Online Application still required:** No art teacher signature required. Application found here.

**Framing Requirements:** Not needed for virtual gallery submission. Original framing requirements stand for the “Best in Show” piece submitted to D.C.

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