

The 2023 Congressional High School Art Competition

Win a trip to Washington D.C. (COVID Permitting), and have your artwork displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building

Competition Description:

The 2023 Congressional High School Art Competition provides aspiring student artists an opportunity to have their artwork displayed in the United States Capitol Building in Washington D.C. (COVID permitting). One (1) student artist from Idaho's Second Congressional District will fly to Washington D.C. with a guest and join hundreds of high school artists from across the United States as their artwork will be unveiled before visitors, congressional employees, and members of Congress.

Competition Overview:

The United States House of Representatives and Congressman Mike Simpson are the sponsors of this national competition. Competition winners will be selected by the Art Museum of Eastern Idaho and Congressman Simpson. COVID permitting, the grand prize winner and one (1) guest will fly on Southwest Airlines to Washington D.C. for the unveiling ceremony around June. Additional awards and recognition will be presented during a reception for all students who enter the contest.

Artists interested in participating must deliver their artwork to one of Congressman Simpson's district offices (see below) before 4:00 p.m. on March 30th. Once artwork is submitted, the Art Museum of Eastern Idaho will commission a panel of experts to judge all submissions. All submitted artwork will be showcased from April 8th – 29th during the Museum's *Young at Art* exhibit. The grand prize winner will be announced during a reception in Idaho Falls during that exhibit.

District Office Locations:

Boise

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Suite 600
Boise, ID 83702
208-334-1953

Twin Falls

650 Addison Avenue West
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Twin Falls, ID 83301
208-734-7219

Idaho Falls

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Suite 204
Idaho Falls, ID 83402
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2023 Competition Theme:

Students should feel comfortable submitting work despite relevance to the theme. However, the theme can ignite ideas and establish a foundation for many. Idaho is one of the fastest growing states in the Union. With Idaho's picturesque landscapes, majestic wildlife, and incredible people, there are several things that attract people to the Gem State. Students may consider what is drawing people to Idaho while looking for inspiration and contemplating the theme: **Idaho's Iconic Species**

Artwork Guidelines:

1. Two-dimensional artwork only.
2. Maximum pre-framed artwork dimensions are 24" high x 24" wide x 2" thick.
3. The grand prize print will be professionally framed at no cost.
4. Entries should be matted for hanging. Black or neutral toned matting is suggested.
5. Artwork must be original in concept and design and may not violate U.S. copyright laws.
6. Only one entry per student.
7. Each student must include a [signed release form](#) (included) with their artwork.

Artwork Categories:

1. Paintings
2. Drawings
3. Photography
4. Printmaking
5. Mixed Media
6. Computer Generated Art
7. Collage

Key Competition Dates

- March 30, 2023 – Student artwork due to Congressman Simpson's district offices.
- April 8-29, 2023 – Student artwork on display at The Art Museum of Eastern Idaho.
- May 2023 – Grand prize winner's artwork sent to Washington D.C.
- May/June 2023 – Student artwork returned to schools.
- June 2023 – Congressional Art Contest reception and unveiling in Washington D.C.
- June 2024 – Grand prize winner's artwork returns from Washington D.C.

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