

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0606

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Art Instructors, High School Art Department:

I am pleased to announce the annual **“AN ARTISTIC DISCOVERY” COLORADO 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ARTS COMPETITION** for high school students grades 9 through 12. This event affords the opportunity for high school student artists to share their creative talents with our community.

Guidelines for the 2012 competition are: each high school in the 6th Congressional District may submit up to six works of art, one art entry per student, of two-dimensional art created during the 2011-2012 school year. The theme this year is “The Artist’s Choice.” The artwork must be no larger than 28 inches high, 28 inches wide, and 4 inches deep including the outside dimensions of the frame. Only paintings, drawings and prints will be accepted. Please see the attached entry sheet for more details.

A reception will be held Saturday, May 5, 2012 to recognize our young artists, their families and art educators. All entrants will receive a certificate of participation signed by Congressman Coffman and the artist will have his/her work exhibited April 19, 2012 through May 5, 2012 at the Philip S. Miller Library Gallery, 100 South Wilcox Street, Castle Rock, Colorado 80104. The first, second, and third placing students will receive cash awards. There will be seven honorable mentions. In addition, the first place winner of **“An Artistic Discovery”** will be awarded a \$3,000 art college admission scholarship should they apply and be accepted. A Denver-based airline will present the 1st place winner and his/her parents two round trip airline tickets to Washington, D.C. to attend the National Exhibit and reception. The first place artwork will be sent to Washington, D.C., to be exhibited in the Cannon House Office Building tunnel leading to the U.S. Capitol along with other award winning art works from across the nation to be exhibited for a period of one year.

Enclosed you will find a form to be filled out by students entering the competition, as well as a list of deadlines. Please reproduce the entry form as required. Each student will need two forms, one to submit no later than April 11th to register for the event and have their name listed in the program, and the other to be attached to the artwork for identification and delivered to the District Office March 28th – April 13th. Each student’s work will be hung for display. Therefore, we request that all work submitted be framed or have reinforced backing and be ready to hang on the exhibition wall.

Please share this information with your art department, staff, and students. If you have questions contact: Ellen Cesarone, 6th Congressional District Arts Competition Liaison, 9220 Kimmer Drive, Suite 220, Lone Tree, CO 80124. Telephone: 720-283-9772, Fax: 720-283-9776, E-mail: ellen.cesarone@mail.house.gov or visit my web site at coffman.house.gov.

I look forward to the participation of students from your school in this year’s **“An Artistic Discovery”** competition and the opportunity to honor our young artists.

Sincerely,



Mike Coffman
Member of Congress