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CHARLOTTE, NC— The Office of Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. is now accepting submissions for the 2025 Congressional Art Competition from high school students who live or attend school in North Carolina's 12th Congressional District.

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. Since the Artistic Discovery competition began in 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have participated.

Students submit entries to their representative's office and panels of district artists select winning entries. Winners are recognized both in their district and at an annual awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. The winning works are displayed for one year at the U.S. Capitol.

How to Participate:

1. Check to see if you live or attend school in [North Carolina's 12th Congressional District](#).
2. Make sure that your artwork complies with the [2025 Rules for Students and Teachers](#).
3. Complete the [2025 Student Release Form](#).
4. Participants must submit both physical and digital copies of their artwork and the student release form to Yara Al Bayyari and Alijah Jamison by email at Yara.AIBayyari@mail.house.gov / Alijah.Jamison@mail.house.gov by **Tuesday, April 1st, 2025 at 5:00 PM**. Once a digital copy of the artwork and the student release form is received, we will schedule the drop-off of physical art pieces. Students are encouraged to submit digital copies as soon as possible to ensure they can complete the drop-off of physical art pieces by the deadline.

Artwork must be two-dimensional. Each framed artwork entered in the contest may be up to 26 inches by 26 inches (including the frame) and may be up to 4 inches in depth. All artwork should be matted or framed. The artwork may be:

- Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
- Drawings: colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal (it is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed.)
- Collages: must be two dimensional.
- Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints.
- Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
- Computer-generated art.
- Photographs.

All entries must be original in concept, design and execution.

The winner will be eligible to receive:

- Year-long exhibition of their artwork in the U.S. Capitol.
- Complimentary airline tickets to Washington, D.C. to attend the reception and installation of the winning entries from congressional districts throughout the country.
- A chance to win a scholarship.

The first and second runners-up will have their artwork displayed in Rep. Adams's Washington, D.C. office and the two Honorable Mentions will be displayed in the district office.

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Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. represents North Carolina's 12th Congressional District (Charlotte, Mecklenburg County) and serves on the House Committee on Agriculture and the House Committee on Education & Workforce, where she serves as ranking member of the Higher Education and Workforce Development (HEWD) Subcommittee.

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