

**WASHINGTON, DC** – Congressman Joe Courtney today encouraged eastern Connecticut’s aspiring young artists to participate in the 2012 Congressional Art Competition. The competition is open to high school students only, grades 9 through 12, and the winner will be selected at the District Art Show and Competition on Friday May 4. The winner of that competition will have his or her work featured in the United States Capitol along with art from all 435 Congressional Districts.

“Over the course of six years hosting this competition in eastern Connecticut, hundreds of young artists have participated,” **said Congressman Courtney**. “Arts in education are an important part of learning, and I encourage students to participate again this year.”

Students must drop off their original work at Congressman Courtney’s Norwich District Office no later than 4 p.m. on April 30. The office is located at:

55 Main St., Suite 250

Norwich, CT, 03630

Students and teachers interested in having their class participate in this year’s competition must contact Congressman Courtney’s office before participating. Students must submit their artwork along with a completed 2012 Student Information and Release form. Questions and forms should be sent to Cutter Oliver, who can be reached at 860.886.0139.

Please review the official competition rules [here](#) . Download the 2012 Student Information and Release form [here](#) .

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