

2013

Congressional Art Competition



Congressman Joe Heck
3rd Nevada Congressional District

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515-2803

March 18th, 2013

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome the student artists and their families to the annual Congressional Art Contest event where we showcase the artistic talents of student entrants from across Southern Nevada.

Each year Lisa and I are given the privilege to meet talented high school students throughout the 3rd District and learn the very personal stories behind their passions and artwork. In keeping with tradition, we have received a diverse assortment of entries and it is always a difficult task to award 1st, 2nd and 3rd place honors in such a talented group of students.

As a member of the House Education and the Workforce Committee as well as a father of three, I understand the importance of early diversification of a student's school curriculum. By preserving art programs within our school systems, we not only provide students with an avenue to express their thoughts and feelings, but the arts also provide important lessons in independence, self-confidence and communication.

I would like to thank the Clark County School District, Southwest Airlines and NV Energy for their continued cooperation and partnership throughout the Congressional Art Contest. I wish good luck to each and every student artist.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Heck".

DR. JOE HECK
Member of Congress

The Congressional Art Contest for 3rd Congressional District of Nevada



The Congressional Art Contest is a nationwide high school art competition sponsored by the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. Congressman Joe Heck will be holding the contest for all high school students within the 3rd Congressional District of Nevada which includes southern Las Vegas, Henderson, and the southern-most areas of unincorporated Clark County. The winning 1st Place art work will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol. The 2nd Place winner will hang in the Washington D.C. office of Congressman Joe Heck. The 3rd Place winner will hang in the Nevada office of Congressman Joe Heck.

Congressman Joe Heck was elected to Congress in 2010 and serves on the Education and Workforce Committee, and the Armed Services Committee. He is also the only freshman appointed to serve on the House Permanent Committee on Intelligence. Dr. Heck has more than 25 years in public service as a physician, Army Reservist, and community volunteer. Previously, Heck served as a volunteer firefighter and ambulance attendant, Search & Rescue team member, and SWAT physician. A Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves, he was called to active duty three times, including a deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Joe and his wife Lisa, a registered nurse, have three children: Monica, Chelsea, and Joseph III.

The Clark County School District administers the contest logistics and facilitates the contest events. The **Clark County School District**, as of 2012, is the fifth largest school district in the United States. It serves all of Clark County, Nevada, including the cities of Las Vegas, Henderson, North Las Vegas, Boulder City, and Mesquite; plus the census-designated places of Laughlin, Blue Diamond, Logandale, Bunkerville, Goodsprings, Indian Springs, Mount Charleston, Moapa, Searchlight, and Sandy Valley. The district is divided into 7 Regions and, in addition to the general schools; it also operates 25 Alternative Schools and Programs.



SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

WHO

Any student is eligible to submit a single artwork if they are within grades 9th to 12th as of midnight on April 24th and attend high school in Nevada within Nevada's 3rd Congressional District of Congressman Joe Heck. This includes home schooled and charter schooled students. Students must be signed off by a staff member of their high school (high school teacher or administrator) on the space indicated on the Student Information & Release Form that is to be submitted with their artwork. Home schooled students may be signed off by a guardian in place of a CCSD staff member provided that the guardian has a Notice of Intent to Homeschool (NHN_6_21_2007_NOI.pdf) on file with the CCSD superintendent. Winners of the contest will have their school grade and residency validated and if any art work is disqualified or is unable to fulfill its duties as the winner then the runner up art work will take its place respectively. The Notice of Intent to Homeschool may be filed anytime even up to the point of submission provided that the submission is done at the CCSD School-Community Partnership Office.

WHAT

The top 3 winners of this art contest will have their artwork showcased for a year. 1st place will be showcased in the halls of US Congress. 2nd Place will be showcased in the Washington D.C. office of Congressman Joe Heck. 3rd Place will be showcased in Congressman Joe Heck's Nevada office. Additionally, the 1st place winner and one family member will be complementary flown to Washington D.C. in June for the National Reception.

WHEN

Art submissions are open from March 18th until April 23rd (5pm Pacific Time). Judges will review the artwork on April 24th. All art will be on display and the winners announced on May 28th at the Smith Center for Performing Arts. 1st and 2nd Place winners will hang in Washington D.C. for a year and cannot be returned earlier.

WHERE

Submissions will be accepted at the office of CCSD's School-Community Partnership Program (SCPP) located in Western High School.¹ Additionally, local art teachers from each CCSD high school may take it upon themselves to serve as guides and forward art submissions to the SCPP office themselves (note: the office of Congressman Joe Heck takes no responsibility for the handling of art pieces by non-staff members). Homeschooled students may submit artwork directly to the SCPP office. Students with mitigating circumstance concerning transportation may submit directly to the 3rd Congressional District Office² or during mobile office hours where district office staff will be available for questions:

- 3rd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MOBILE OFFICE HOURS
 - Laughlin, April 16, 10am-12pm, American Legion Post 60, 1510 Bruce Woodbury Drive, Laughlin, NV 89029
 - Searchlight: April 16, 2pm-3pm, Searchlight Community Center, 200 Michael Wendell Way Searchlight, NV 89046
 - Boulder City: April 17, 11am-12:30pm, Boulder City Senior Center, 813 Arizona Street, Boulder City, NV 89005
 - Southwest Las Vegas: April 17, 9am-10:30am, LVCCLD Library, 7060 W. Windmill Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89113

HOW

Artwork must conform to the following stipulations. Submissions must...

- ... include a properly completed Student Information & Release Form.
- ... be two dimensional and must be within 24-inches tall by 24-inches wide (unframed).
- ... be no more than 15lbs and media must be dry to the touch.
- ... be in conformance to U.S. copyright laws and be original in concept, design, and execution.

¹ Western High School - 4601 W Bonanza Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89107, (702) 799-4080 – See maps

² District Office of Congressman Joe Heck - 2480 East Pebble Road, Suite 220, Henderson, Nevada 89074

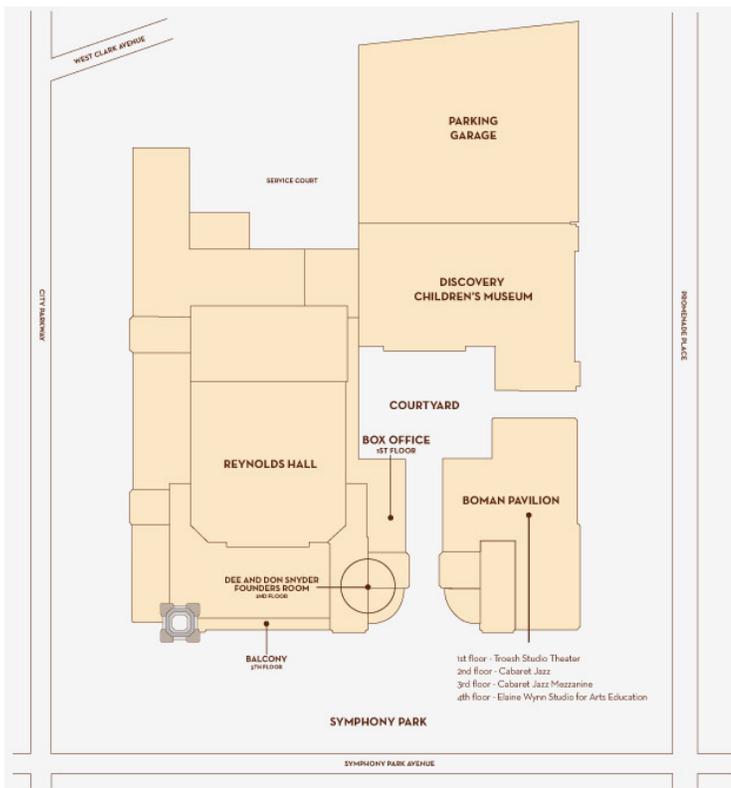
- ... be one of the following: Painting, Drawing, Flat Collage, Print, Mixed media, Computer generated, Photograph
- ... be (only if optionally framed) in a frame no more than 28-inches tall by 28-inches wide by 4-inches deep.

JUDGING

The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners along with honorable mentions will be selected by a panel of judges from Nevada's 3rd Congressional District. Judges decisions are by secret ballot. Decisions are final and there are no appealing authorities.

Final decision regarding suitability for exhibition in the Capitol shall rest within the discretion of a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission. In accordance with this policy, exhibits depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed. It is necessary that all artwork be reviewed by the panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol and any portion not in consonance with the Commission's policy will be omitted from the exhibit. The same policy guidelines will be used to review the suitability for exhibition to hang in the offices of US Congressman Joe Heck.

ART SHOW



An art show to view an exhibition composed of all submitted artwork and to announce the Congressional Art Contest winners will be held on May 28th from 5pm-7:30pm at the Smith Center for Performing arts.

The **Smith Center for the Performing Arts** is located in Downtown Las Vegas's 61-acre Symphony Park. It is a five-acre, world-class performing arts center consisting of three theaters in two buildings.

The East building is where Reynolds Hall Theater is located and that is where the Congressional Art Contest reception will take place.

No animals are permitted except service dogs as defined by the American Disability Act:

1. Only dogs will be recognized as service animals.
2. Service animals are required to be leashed or harnessed except when performing work or tasks where such tethering would interfere with the dog's ability to perform.
3. Dogs whose sole function is "the provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship" are not considered service dogs under the ADA.

For special accommodations, please contact Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod at SBilbray@thesmithcenter.com.



DIRECTIONS TO THE SMITH CENTER (361 Symphony Park Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89106)

I-15 (From the North)

- Take I-15 South
- Take Exit 44 / Washington St
- Proceed to City Pkwy
- Follow City Pkwy directly to Symphony Park Ave

I-515/US-93 (From the East)

- Take I-515 N/US-93 N/US-95 N toward Las Vegas
- Take exit 76C/Martin Luther King Blvd
- Turn left on Martin Luther King Blvd
- Turn left on Symphony Park Ave

I-15 (From the South)

- Take I-15 N
- Take exit 41B toward NV-159/Charleston Blvd W
- Travel straight through the S Grand Central Pkwy intersection
- Follow the loop to make a right on S Grand Central Pkwy
- Turn right on W Clark Ave

US-95 (From the West)

- Take US-95 S
- Take exit 76C/Martin Luther King Blvd
- Turn right on Martin Luther King Blvd
- Turn left on Symphony Park Ave

Public Transportation

RTC Transit offers a number of convenient and affordable options that allow patrons to travel to the Smith Center and without fighting traffic. The RTC boasts one of the newest fleets in the nation with vehicles that are sleek, safe and clean.

If you are coming from outlying areas of the Las Vegas valley: The RTC's Westcliff Area Express (WAX) route and the Centennial Express (CX) route both provide express service to The Smith Center. WAX deploys from Westcliff Transit Center and Park & Ride (25. S. Durango Dr.) and CX begins its route at the Centennial Hills Transit Center and Park & Ride (7313 Grand Montecito Pkwy.) Both sites allow patrons to park their vehicles at a safe site to board transit services into the inner Las Vegas area.

The closest drop-off location is the Bonneville Transit Center, which is located 0.5 mile from The Smith Center (10 minute walk). Routes serving the Bonneville Transit Center (BTC) include: 105, 106, 108, 109, 206, 207, 208, 214, 215, Deuce and BHX.

Parking

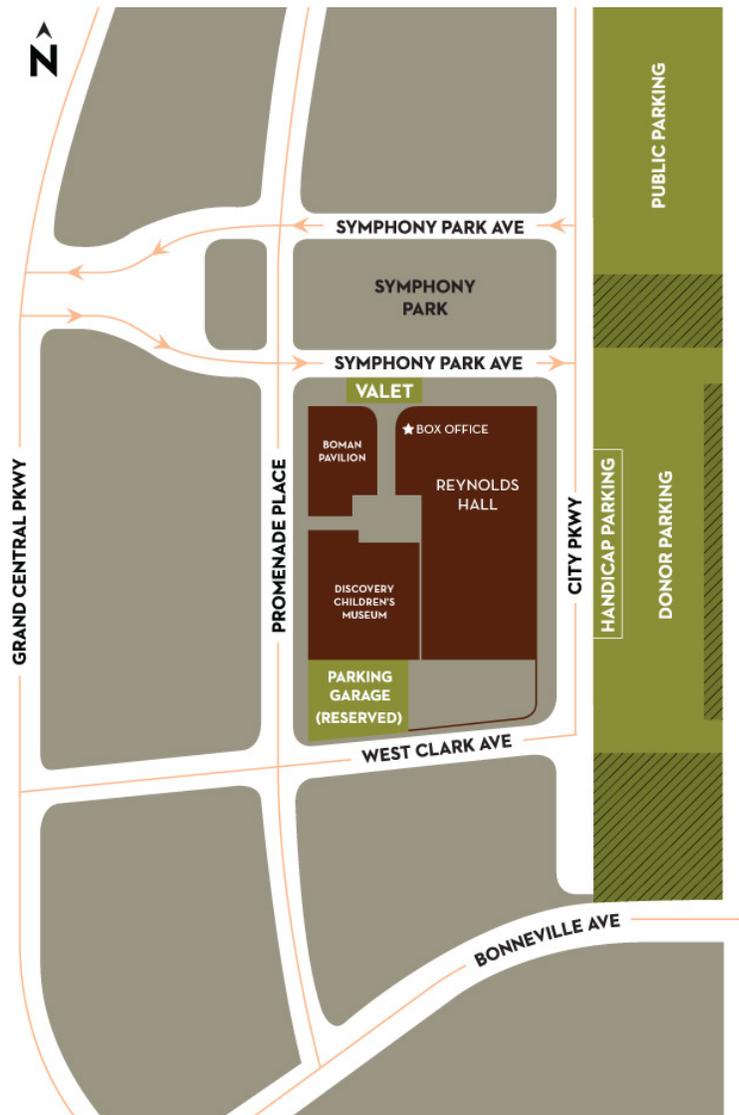
The Smith Center was built with easy parking in mind. Valet parking can be found in the front of the building, and we also offer garage and surface lot parking.

The Smith Center for the Performing Arts strives to make its events and performances accessible to all patrons in the community. For additional information, if you have questions or need assistance, please contact us directly at 702-749-2000 (TTY USERS PLEASE CALL 800-326-6868 OR DIAL 711) or accessible@thesmithcenter.com.

Accessible seating is reserved for use by patrons with disabilities.

ACCESSIBLE SEATING

All of our performance spaces have wheelchair and mobility-assisted seating locations. Patrons have the option to remain in their own wheelchair, or transfer to a fixed theater seat with a swing-out armrest. Patrons who do not wish to transfer from their wheelchair to a theater seat should request wheelchair-accessible locations when ordering tickets. Seats with removable armrests are available in various locations if you wish to transfer from a mobility device or wheelchair into a fixed theater seat. Please also advise us if you are



not able to ascend or descend stairs, suffer from acrophobia (fear of heights), or require any type of special seating accommodation for any reason. The Staff at the Smith Center is trained to assist you to find seating that best meets your individual needs. To order accessible seating, please call us at 702-749-2000 (TTY USERS PLEASE CALL 800-326-6868 OR DIAL 711) or email at accessible@thesmithcenter.com.

ACCESSIBLE SEATING RELEASE POLICY

For the purposes of releasing Accessible Seating for general public sale, a performance or specific price category within a single performance will be considered SOLD OUT when there is no available inventory except scattered singles. Available inventory is defined as seats that are available for general public purchase and not held for Smith Center or other contractual purposes. Before releasing Accessible Seating for General Public sale, all seats being held, either in a hold code or a reserved unpaid order, will be analyzed. If it is determined that there is a likelihood that a significant portion of these seats will be released for general sale, the corresponding Accessible seats will not be released to general sale until such time as the held seats have been released and/or sold.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING

Assisted drop-off service is available at all events. Simply make your request known to the parking attendant upon arrival at the Smith Center, and you will be directed to the appropriate area. Accessible parking is plentiful and clearly marked at the Smith Center facilities. Designated parking for vehicles bearing a valid DMV windshield placard or license plates are available in the surface parking lot to the East of Reynolds Hall. Accessible ramping and curb cuts provide an accessible path from vehicle to theater seat.



ACCESSIBLE RESTROOMS

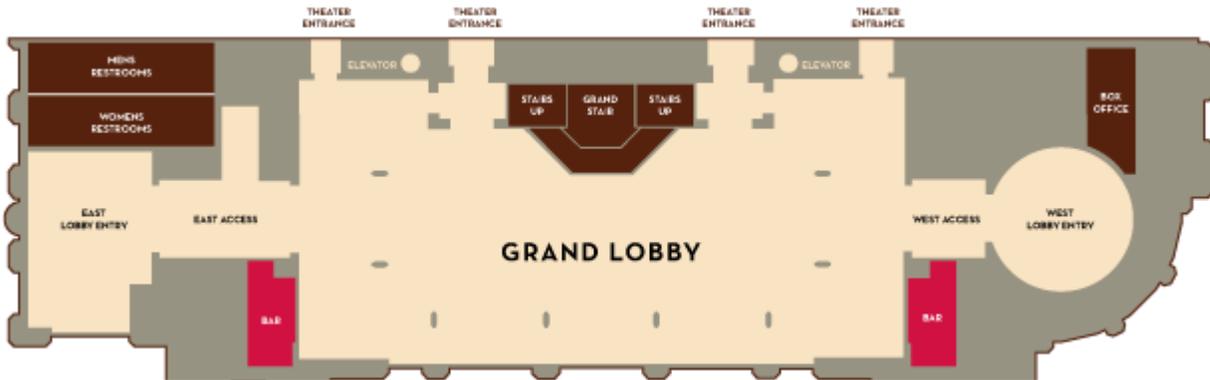
All public restrooms at the Smith Center are wheelchair accessible.

WHEELCHAIR AND MOBILITY ASSISTANCE ACCESSIBILITY

The Smith Center is accessible by wheelchair in Reynolds Hall and throughout the Boman Pavilion. Wheelchair assistance service is available curbside by request. Curb cuts allow easy access to our sidewalk system, and parking area access ramps. Main entrance doors have automated mechanical service. Reynolds Hall and Boman Pavilion (Troesh Studio Theater and Cabaret Jazz) have elevators which service all levels of the facility. Courtesy wheelchairs are available by calling in advance to 702-749-2000. It is strongly recommended that patrons who do not normally use a wheelchair bring a companion to assist them in maneuvering around the Smith Center public areas.

AWARD CEREMONY

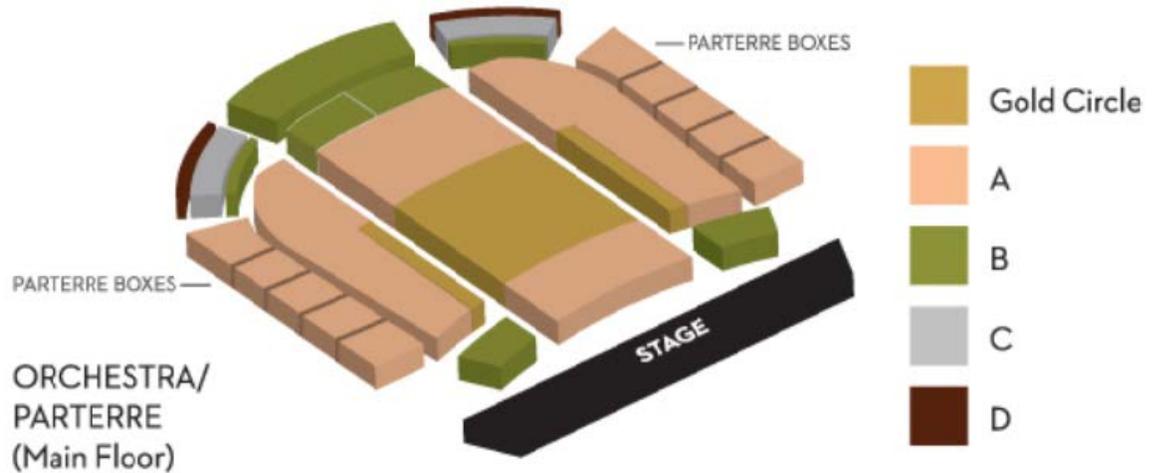
REGISTRATION – At the reception, everyone who submitted an artwork needs to register at the registration table located at the East lobby entrance of the Grand Lobby in Reynolds Hall. Everyone else is free to come in and find a free seat on a first come, first serve basis.



All art contestants who are registered during the registration period from 5:00pm to 5:20pm will be given a reserved seat and will be slotted to be recognized by US Congressman Joe Heck during the program ceremony. NOTE: any contestant unable or unwilling to be publicly recognized need not register.

CONTESTANT STAGING

All contestants registered for recognition will be assigned a Gold Circle seat with the District they belong in. Upon signal, all contestants are to rise and follow the direction of staff members to be taken on-stage along with Congressman Joe Heck to be recognized. Movement from seat to stage will be in a single file line. It is important that each contestant stays in the same order and remember who is in front and who is behind. After recognition, all contestants are asked to return directly to their assigned seat. Please refrain from any delay (like changing seats) to avoid disrupting the flow of the program. NOTE: any contestant who desires not to be publicly recognized or is unable to follow the directions of staff members will be escorted aside as necessary at the discretion of staff members.



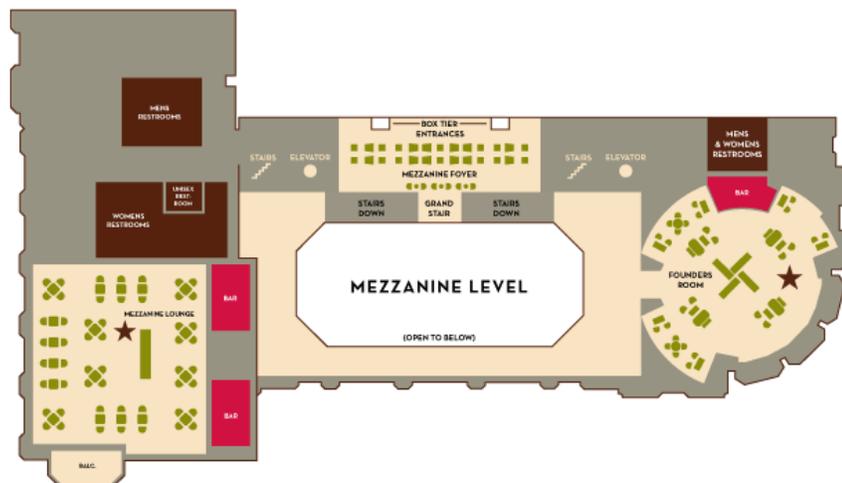
CEREMONY –

The award ceremony starts promptly at 5:30pm with opening remarks by the Superintendent of the Clark County School District. The schedule is as follows:

- 5:00pm – Registration opens.
- 5:20pm – Last call for registration and seating assignment
- 5:30pm – Opening Remarks by CCSD Superintendent
- 5:45pm – Recognition of District One contestants and winners by Congresswoman Dina Titus
- 6:00pm – Recognition of District Three contestants and winners by Congressman Joe Heck
- 6:15pm – Recognition of District Four contestants and winners by Congressman Steven Horsford
- 6:30pm – Closing remarks

RECEPTION

- 6:35pm – Reception and open viewing of artwork exhibition in the 1st floor Grand Lobby 2nd floor Mezzanine Level.
- 7:30pm – End of Event



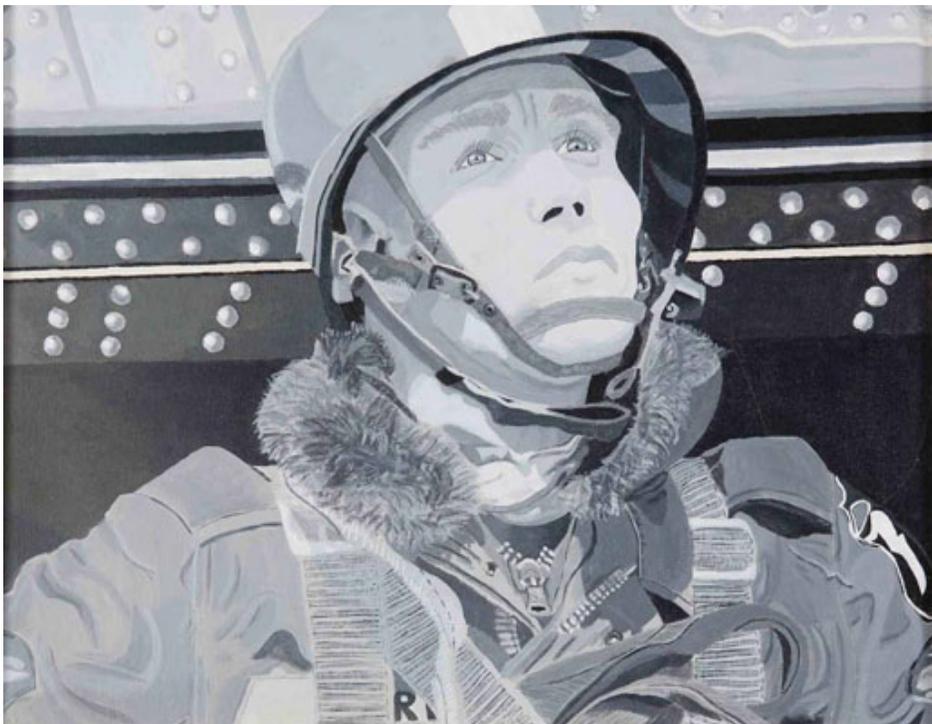
WINNER

The 1st place winner will get a free flight to Washington D.C. along with one (1) family member. The winner's art work will be displayed in the halls of Congress inside the United States Capitol. The United States Capitol is the meeting place of



the United States Congress, the legislature of the federal government of the United States. It sits atop Capitol Hill at the eastern end of the National Mall.

The Washington D.C. receptions for the Congressional Art Competition will be on Wednesday, June 26 in the Capitol Visitor Center Auditorium and Atrium.



2012 Winner

Screaming Eagle
by Chelsea Bissell

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Contact for Special Needs at Reception

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Student Information & Release Form

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. THIS INFORMATION IS USED FOR CERTIFICATES AND AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS.
INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

MEMBER/DISTRICT INFORMATION	
MEMBER OF CONGRESS NAME:	STATE:

STUDENT INFORMATION		
NAME:	GRADE:	
STREET ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT):		
STUDENT EMAIL:		
T-SHIRT SIZE:		
PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME(S):		
PARENT PHONE:	PARENT WORK PHONE:	

SCHOOL		
SCHOOL NAME:		
STREET ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
ART TEACHER NAME:		
ART TEACHER PHONE:	ART TEACHER EMAIL:	

ART COMPETITION ENTRY
TITLE OF ENTRY:
MEDIUM:
DESCRIPTION:
Please include a detailed description of the artwork, clearly identifying the major elements of the piece.
FRAMED DIMENSIONS: Height: _____ inches Width: _____ inches Depth: _____ inches
See official guidelines for framed size and artwork weight restrictions.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE RELEASE FORM ON PAGE 2.

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Student Information & Release Form

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)	
STUDENT NAME:	STATE:
TITLE OF ENTRY:	

ORIGINALITY CERTIFICATION	
I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the art entry described above is an original work of authorship by the undersigned student and that it is not copied from, nor does it include, any other person's copyrighted work.	
<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> STUDENT SIGNATURE	<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> ART TEACHER SIGNATURE

ARTWORK RELEASE	
<p>We, the undersigned, represent that the art entry described above is an original work of authorship personally created by the undersigned student to which the student is entitled copyright protection. In consideration for the acceptance of the art entry by the Member of Congress designated above in <i>An Artistic Discovery</i> (the Congressional Art Competition sponsored by the U.S. House of Representatives) and intending to be legally bound hereby, the undersigned grant the Member and the House the right to publicly display the art entry, if it is selected for display, in accordance with the rules of the Art Competition, for a period of two years from the latest date on this form. The undersigned acknowledge that the final decision regarding the suitability of an art entry to be displayed in the Capitol will be made by a House panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. The undersigned also grant the Member, the House, their employees and agents, and the United States the right to reproduce the art entry for any non-commercial purpose. The undersigned further grant the Member, the House, their employees and agents, and the United States from any and all liability for damage, loss, or misappropriation of the art entry during and subsequent to the Art Competition. The undersigned further agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Member, the House, their employees and agents, and the United States against any and all claims of any nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to, claims of copyright infringement, by any party whatsoever, arising out of or in any way related to the submission of the art entry in the Art Competition.</p>	
<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> STUDENT SIGNATURE	<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (IF UNDER 18)

MEMBER APPROVAL (FOR OVERALL WINNER ONLY)	
I have viewed the above-signed student's artwork and approve of its content. I understand that by signing this form I am supporting this artwork and am responsible for its content.	
<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> MEMBER SIGNATURE	<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> PRINT DISTRICT OFFICE CONTACT NAME <hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> PRINT DC OFFICE CONTACT NAME

Nevada Homeschool Network
NOTICE OF INTENT TO HOMESCHOOL
Pursuant to NRS 392.070

Please complete a separate Notice of Intent Form for each child. The form is required for children from age 7 to 18 only. This is a one-time filing and does not need to be refiled unless the name or address of the parent or child changes, or the child is reentering homeschooling after being enrolled in public school.*

A Notice of Intent to Homeschool must be filed before beginning to homeschool the child:

- 1) When the child reaches the age at which attendance at a public school becomes mandatory pursuant to [NRS 392.040](#) or
- 2) Not later than 10 days after the child has been formally withdrawn from enrollment in public school; or
- 3) Not later than 30 days after establishing residency in this state

1. Child's Full Name _____
Last First Middle

Age of Child: _____ Child's Gender: M F

2. Parent(s) Name _____
(must be the parent, custodial parent, legal guardian, or other person in this State who has legal control or charge of the child.)

Parent(s) Address _____
Street Apt.#
City State/Zip

Parent(s) Mailing Address if Different From Above _____
Street/P.O. Box Apt.#
City State/Zip

3. I declare that I am the parent with control or charge of the child and the legal right to direct the education of the child and as such, assume full responsibility for the education of the child while the child is being homeschooled.

Parental Signature Relationship to Child Date

Parental Signature Relationship to Child Date

(Only one parental signature is required.)

4. Educational Plan: Attach a statement of the educational plan for the child, appropriate for the age and level of skill of the child as determined by the parent, in the subject areas of:

English: including reading, composition and writing

Mathematics

Science

Social Studies: including history, geography, economics, and government

The parent is not required to ensure that each subject is taught each year that the child is homeschooled. An educational plan that contains these requirements must not be used in any manner as a basis for denial of a notice of intent to homeschool that is otherwise complete.

5. If applicable, list the name of the most recently attended Nevada public school:

Name of School	City	Year of attendance
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6. The parent has the option of signing the following statement to protect their privacy.

I expressly prohibit the release of any information contained in this document, including, without limitation, directory information as defined in 20 U.S.C. § 1232g(a)(5)(A), without my prior written consent. See 20 U.S.C. § 1232g(a)(5)(B) and [NRS 392.070](#)

Signature	Date
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*Please print legibly. The district must generate an acknowledgment that will be provided to the parent with a copy kept on file.

Upon receipt of a Notice of Intent to Homeschool that complies with NRS 392.070, the school district shall provide to the parent who filed the notice a written acknowledgment which clearly indicates that the parent has provided the notice required by law and that the child is being homeschooled. The written acknowledgment shall be deemed proof of compliance with Nevada's compulsory attendance law and the school district shall retain a copy of the written acknowledgement for not less than 15 years.

The school district shall process a written request for a copy of records relating to a child who is or was homeschooled, or any information contained therein, not later than 5 days after receiving the request. Records may only be released to a person or entity if required by a specific statute, or upon suitable proof of identity of the parent (or the child if 18 or older) that is making the request.

This form complies with the requirements of NRS 392.070