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## **Students Get Chance to Send Art to Washington**

**Washington, D.C.** – Today, U.S. Representative Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.) announced the 2023 Congressional Art Competition, which puts the artwork of South Dakota students in the U.S. Capitol building. The South Dakota Arts Council (SDAC) is now accepting entries on behalf of Rep. Johnson’s office.

The contest is open to all South Dakota high school students. The first-place winning entry will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel of the United States Capitol for one year. The second-place winning entry will be displayed in Johnson’s Washington, D.C., office for one year.

“South Dakota is lucky to have many creative high school students,” **said Johnson.** “The Congressional Art Competition is a great opportunity to show their skills and be recognized and honored in a unique way. I’m looking forward to seeing the submitted art! Make sure to get it in before the April 26<sup>th</sup> deadline.”

The Arts Council will accept only digital submissions on behalf of Rep. Johnson. Students should send one email including a high-resolution JPEG image, along with a completed, typed PDF of the student release form to [rebecca.cruse@state.sd.us](mailto:rebecca.cruse@state.sd.us). Submissions must be received by 11:59 pm CDT, on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Winners will be notified by Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, and will be responsible for shipping their artwork and student release forms to the SDAC offices. The South Dakota Arts Council will have the artwork framed and will ship it to Washington, D.C., for the student.

Please review the artwork specifications and guidelines before submitting and download the student release form at <https://artscouncil.sd.gov/CAC/index.aspx>.

The Congressional Art Competition is sponsored by the members of the U.S. House of Representatives. It’s an opportunity to recognize and encourage the artistic talent in the nation, as well as in each congressional district. The South Dakota Arts Council partners with Congressman Johnson’s office to carry out this initiative.

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