

“This prestigious art competition will give our gifted students a chance to show their work to the residents of the 22nd Congressional District and to the nation. I am also happy to announce that for a second year in a row we will be bringing the competition online, allowing the public to help select one of the competition's finalists and ensuring that people in the district I represent have an opportunity to view the creativity and beauty of the artwork created by students in our part of New York. I wish the young artists who participate the best of luck!” - **Maurice**

About the 2012 Competition

This year, artwork can be submitted digitally but physical copies of the work must also be mailed or delivered to one of Congressman Hinchey's 22nd District Offices. Finalists from each of the district offices will be chosen by local artists, and for the first time ever, a finalist will be chosen by fans of Congressman Hinchey's official [Facebook page](#) . To be eligible for the Facebook portion of the competition, work must be submitted digitally.

Deadline: Students must submit their original artwork by 5:00pm on Monday, April 16, 2012 to their nearest district office.

Submitting Artwork by Mail or Delivery: Physical copies of artwork must be mailed or delivered along with a completed release form and a one paragraph artists statement describing the work to the nearest district office.

Binghamton Office:

Office of Rep. Hinchey
100A Federal Building
Binghamton, NY 13901
Phone: (607) 773-2768

Kingston Office:

Office of Rep. Hinchey
291 Wall Street
Kingston, NY 12401
Phone: (845) 331-4466

Ithaca Office:

Office of Rep Hinchey
123 S. Cayuga St. #201
Ithaca, NY 14850
Phone: (607) 273-1388

Middletown Office:

Office of Rep. Hinchey
City Hall, Third Floor
16 James St.
Middletown, NY 10940
Phone: (845) 344-3211

Submitting Artwork Digitally: Artwork can be submitted digitally by emailing hinchey.art@mail.house.gov along with a completed [release form](#) and a one paragraph artist statement. The artwork will then be displayed on Hinchey's official [Facebook page](#). Those lacking the technology needed to submit their artwork digitally should contact the nearest district office to schedule a time for the artwork to be photographed.

Facebook Gallery: Digital submissions from throughout the district will be displayed on Hinchey's [Facebook page](#). Students are encouraged to have their friends and family "like" and comment on their entries. The most "liked" piece on Facebook, as of April 23, will automatically become a finalist in the competition, and will be hung in Hinchey's Washington office. The Office of Representative Maurice Hinchey reserves the right to make editorial decisions as to what artwork will be published on Facebook.

How Finalists will be Chosen: After April 23, a panel of local artists and teachers will select a regional winner from each of the congressman's district offices. The regional winners, as well as the most popular submission on Facebook, will be brought together for the final competition. The judges there will select a winner, whose art will be displayed in the Capitol's Cannon Tunnel. Other finalists will be hung in the Congressman's district offices. The most "liked" piece on Facebook will be hung in Hinchey's Washington office.

Guidelines: The competition is only open to high school students. Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. Artwork must be two-dimensional in an accepted media (including: painting, drawing, collage, prints, computer-generated, photography, a mix more of two or more of medias). Submissions can be no larger than 28 inches high, 28 inches wide, and 4 inches deep, including the frame. If your artwork is selected as the winning piece, it will be required to be framed.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Congressman Hinchey's office at (202) 225-6335 and be sure to follow Congressman Hinchey on Facebook for competition updates.

Additional Resources:

 [2012 Art Competition Guidelines for Students \(PDF\)](#)

 2012 Student Information/Release Form (PDF)