

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD) invites high school art students who reside in Maryland's 5th Congressional District, which includes Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties, and parts of Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties, to participate in a rewarding and worthwhile competition: the 25th Annual Congressional Arts Competition.

"This competition provides our young people with valuable opportunities to showcase their artwork on a national stage and receive scholarship funding for their education," said Hoyer. "I encourage high school students in my district to take advantage of this great opportunity and enter their work in the competition."

Congressman Hoyer sent letters to all of the high schools in the 5th District announcing the Congressional Arts Competition earlier this week.

Through the annual Congressional Arts Competition, Members of Congress showcase the artistic talent of high school students within their districts, recognizing the gifted young artists of the nation.

To be considered for the Annual Congressional Arts Competition, all artwork must be delivered to one of Congressman Hoyer's district offices located in Waldorf or Greenbelt by May 19, 2006. Students interested in participating can call Congressman Hoyer's Waldorf District Office at 301-843-1577 with any questions.

After entries have been submitted by the required date, representatives from the local education and business community will review the artwork and select one to represent the 5th Congressional District on display in the U.S. Capitol. All other entries will be displayed in Congressman Hoyer's Waldorf District Office for one year. The judging is scheduled to take place during the week of May 22, 2006.

Once a winner is selected, he or she will be invited to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony in Washington, DC on June 28, 2006.

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