

## **Ellison announces Congressional Arts Competition: Urges all high school students to participate**

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Congressman Keith Ellison (D-Minneapolis) is proud to announce the opening of the 2010 Congressional Arts Competition for 5th District high school students. Each year, Congressional Districts from all over America display a cross section of developing artists' works in the corridors of the United States Capitol.

"Arts education plays an integral part in the development of an imaginative society ready to tackle the challenges ahead. The creativity these young people possess exemplifies tomorrow's potential. I am honored and proud to be able to highlight their accomplishments," Congressman Ellison stated.

High school students from the Fifth Congressional District of Minnesota are encouraged to submit one piece of two-dimensional visual art before March 31st, 2010 for the competition. This is the third straight year that the Perpich Center for Art Education (PCAE) has teamed up with Rep. Ellison's office to run the competition. Entries will be accepted at PCAE during normal business hours from March 19th-31st, 2010. All entries must be received by no later than 4:00 PM on Friday March 31st, 2010.

All correctly submitted art will then be included in the month long Student Art Exhibition at PCAE. A panel of expert judges will determine three winners of the competition as well as honorable mentions. The first-place piece will hang in the United States Capitol corridors; the second- and third-place selections will hang in Congressman Ellison's Washington, D.C. and Minneapolis offices.

On May 3rd from 6-8 PM at PCAE, Congressman Ellison will hold his annual Arts Education Forum & Awards Reception to conclude the competition and highlight the winners.

"Art deepens our understanding of the human experience. The 5th Congressional District is unique in its appreciation for the Arts. I urge all teachers, parents, and mentors of 9-12 graders to actively encourage our youth to participate in this unique opportunity," the Congressman said.

Entries may be delivered by hand or mailed (with return postage included) to:

Perpich Center for Arts Education  
Attention: Jeremy Holien  
6125 Olson Memorial Highway  
Golden Valley, MN 55422

The Congressional Art Competition point of contact in Congressman Ellison's District Office is Betty Folliard, Arts Community Representative, at 612-522-1212 or [betty.folliard@mail.house.gov](mailto:betty.folliard@mail.house.gov) .