

High School Area Show & 6th District Congressional Art Competition on view at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts - May 18-June 10, 2018

Entries may be submitted **February 1-March 31, 2018** at
<https://kalamazooinstituteofarts.submittable.com/submit>

Exhibition dates: **May 18 to June 10, 2018.**

Now in its 36th year, the *High School Area Show* presents a unique opportunity to students in grades 9-12 to have their achievements recognized in a museum. College and art schools awarded over 44 scholarships to exhibiting artists in 2017!

Who is eligible?

Students in grades 9-12 who reside in **Allegan**, Barry, **Berrien**, Branch, Calhoun, **Cass**, **Kalamazoo**, **St. Joseph**, or **Van Buren** counties are eligible to participate.

To enter the *Congressional Art Competition (CAC)*, students must reside in the 6th Congressional District (**bolded** counties listed above).

How many entries can I submit?

Each student artist may submit up to TWO unique works.
Artists may enter ONE 2-D piece for consideration in the CAC.

Is there a fee to participate?

A \$3/per work of art submitted must be received by the KIA by Thursday, April 12. Print and mail a copy of your entry form with a check payable to "KIA", call 269-349-7775 with a credit card or pay in person at the KIA. Teachers submitting work for students may request and invoice. Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch may waive all fees. **Download waiver form here.**

What is eligible work?

Artwork is eligible for inclusion in the *High School Area Show* when it is **original** art in any medium. Originality is an important consideration in jurying and direct copies of existing works of art are not accepted. ***Works of art must not exceed 6 feet in any direction.***

When is the deadline to submit?

Saturday, March 31, 2018 by midnight is the deadline to submit. All entries must be submitted online. Late submissions will not be accepted. We strongly recommend you create your account early to familiarize yourself with the process before the deadline. Entry fees must be received at the KIA by April 12 (see above.)

How will I be notified if my work was accepted?

Account holders submitting work(s) will be notified via e-mail on or before **Monday, April 16, 2018.**

Where do I deliver my work?

Artwork must be hand delivered to the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts located at 314 S. Park St., Kalamazoo, MI, 49007. There is free parking available in lots on both South and Lovell Streets.

Please review delivery dates carefully. Late work will not be accepted unless prior arrangements have been made.

Hand deliver accepted artworks to the KIA lobby Thursday-Friday, April 26-27, 2018; 12-7pm
Can't make it then? Call us ahead of time. Delivery accepted at other times by appointment only.

Work must remain on view for the duration of the exhibition.

Does my work need to be framed?

Yes! All 2-D work should be framed (unless stretched canvas). All 2-D work must have sturdy wire for hanging. Frames should use Plexiglas, rather than glass, and no snap frames are allowed. ***Please attach a copy of your entry form to the back of all 2-D works.***

Contact us in advance if you have questions about acceptable framing or cannot afford to frame your work. We have limited frames for 2-D work matted to the following sizes: 16" x 20", 20" x 24", 24" x 30", or 30" x 40". Congressional Art Competition works must be framed and not exceed a framed size of 26" x 26" x 4" deep.

How do I prepare 3-D work?

3-D work must be sturdy and able to be handled and moved safely. The KIA will not accept artworks for exhibition that are delivered broken, nor will we repair broken works of art. ***Please attach a copy of your entry form to the base of any 3-D work.***

What happens if my artwork gets damaged?

All work is submitted at the owner's risk. Although every precaution will be taken, the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts is not responsible for insurance during transit or while artwork is on its premises. The KIA reserves the right to refuse any entry and to withdraw any work for the exhibition at its discretion.

Who is eligible for a scholarship or award?

Any artist whose work is accepted for exhibition is eligible for an award! Representatives from each art school select their respective scholarship winners. Details about this year's scholarship awards will be updated on our website as information is available. Last year 44 scholarships and prizes were awarded including:

- Six \$100 cash juror awards, regardless of medium
- KIA Kirk Newman Art School \$100 Summer Scholarships
- Western Michigan University Gwen Frostic School of Art Scholarships
- Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University Scholarships
- Cleveland Institute of Art Scholarships and Summer Program Scholarships
- University of Michigan Stamps School of Art Scholarship
- Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design Scholarships
- *6th District Congressional Competition*: One piece is selected to hang for 1 year in the U.S. Capitol as part of the national Congressional Art Competition.

I'm a bit confused. Who do I contact if I have questions?

For questions about the *High School Area Show* at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, *please contact*:

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For questions about the *Congressional Art Competition*, please contact:

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