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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) -- U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) today invited high school students who live in Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District to submit entries for the 27th Annual Congressional Art Competition. Each year, all 435 congressional districts host art competitions to celebrate the talents of America's young artists.

“The Congressional Art Competition is a wonderful opportunity for students across the country to showcase their artistic skills,” Altmire said. “Having visited several schools across the Fourth Congressional District, I know that western Pennsylvania has a number of very talented young artists. I encourage all interested students to apply, and I look forward to seeing this year’s entries.”

Students' artwork will be evaluated by a jury of local artists. On April 4, the competition's winner will be announced at an awards ceremony and exhibition opening at the Northland Public Library. The competition's top fifteen pieces will also be on display.

The first place winner will have his or her work displayed in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol for one year. The winner will also receive a \$6,000 Artistic Honors Scholarship to the Savannah College of Art and Design.

Students in grades 9-12 interested in participating in the art competition, and art teachers with questions, should call Congressman Altmire's office at (202) 225-2565 for specific details on how to apply. The deadline for submissions is Tuesday, March 24 at 5 pm.