

## Art Competition to Give One Local Student Opportunity of a Lifetime

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Washington DC – Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) announced today that he is accepting entries for the Silver Anniversary of the Annual Congressional Art Competition for high school students. This competition provides students a unique opportunity to showcase their artistic talent at the United States Capitol in Washington, DC. The winning student's art will be displayed in the Capitol, and the student will be invited to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The Congressional Art Competition was first launched in 1982. Since then, thousands of contests have been conducted throughout the country, involving more than 650,000 high school students. Each Member of Congress sponsors a local art competition in their Congressional District and selects one winning entry. The winning piece of art from each District is displayed in the Capitol for one year.

The competition begins immediately, and all entries must be submitted no later than Friday, April 22, 2005. Entrants must be high school students from the Third Congressional District of Oregon. Letters asking for artwork were sent to all high schools in the District last week. To participate, each student must fill out an application and follow guidelines set by the U.S. House of Representatives. The winning student will receive an invitation to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new display in the U.S. Capitol Building, on June 14, 2005 and three round-trip airline tickets to Washington, DC courtesy of Southwest Airlines.

Eligible entries should be delivered to 729 NE Oregon St., Suite #115, Portland, OR 97232. For more information or to receive competition guidelines and an application visit Blumenauer's website at [www.house.gov/blumenauer](http://www.house.gov/blumenauer) or contact Kathie Eastman in Congressman Blumenauer's office at 503-231-2300.