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Dear Teachers and Students,

The arts educate and inspire youth all across our great country. Art opens doors to creativity and confidence and are proven to enhance academic performance for students at all levels. That is why I am inviting all students from high schools across the 58th Senate District to participate in my 2018 “Celebrate the State” High School Art Competition.

In honor of the Illinois Bicentennial, I welcome students to discover all the great things our state represents and tap in to their creative side. From showcasing famous Illinoisans to family farms, sports teams to state symbols, memorials and monuments to Illinois-based American-made manufacturers, I encourage high school art students to create an original piece of artwork that features what Illinois pride and culture means to them.

Through their participation, students get the chance to showcase their talent and have the opportunity for their artwork to on display at the Illinois State Capitol April 29 to May 4 in a special “Celebrate the State” gallery honoring our state’s bicentennial.

All participants will be invited to the Illinois State Capitol on Tuesday, May 1, where they will be recognized on the Senate floor and participate in a ceremony/reception where the competition winners will be announced.

A panel of judges consisting of representatives from various arts organizations from across the 58th Senate District will select the top entries in the following categories:

- Grand Prize Winner
- 1st Runner Up
- 2nd Runner Up
- Honorable Mention
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The Grand Prize Winner, 1st Runner Up and 2nd Runner Up will be proudly displayed in my Springfield office for the entirety of the year. Additionally, each Honorable Mention will also have their pieces prominently displayed in one of my district offices for the year.

Accompanying this letter, you will find a comprehensive set of rules and guidelines regarding participants and their artwork. If you or any of your participating students have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Karri Nichols, Legislative Aide, Mt. Vernon District Office at [labryantschimpf17@gmail.com](mailto:labryantschimpf17@gmail.com) or 618-242-8115.

**Please note that all artwork must be delivered to either of my district office locations listed below before Tuesday, April 24. Please call the office prior to dropping off art to schedule a delivery time.**

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1032 W. Industrial Park Road  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
Phone: 618-684-1100

Mt. Vernon District Office  
2959 Broadway, Suite 3  
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864  
Phone: 618-242-8115

**If you are unable to drop off the art at either my district offices, our team will pick up the artwork from your high school. Please contact Lea Thoele at [lthoele@sgop.ilga.org](mailto:lthoele@sgop.ilga.org) or 217-782-0196 by Wednesday, April 18 to schedule an art pick up time from your school.**

My 2018 "Celebrate the State" High School Art Competition is a great way to provide a new generation of aspiring artists the chance to earn valuable recognition and experience. I look forward to seeing the inspiring work that is created. Students, show me your Illinois pride, and let's "Celebrate the State"!

Sincerely,



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## Senator Schimpf's 2018 "Celebrate the State" High School

### Art Competition Guidelines

#### Theme

In honor of the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of Illinois, Senator Schimpf welcomes students to discover everything great our state represents and tap in to their creative side. From showcasing famous Illinoisans to family farms, sports teams to state symbols, memorials and monuments to Illinois-based American-made manufacturers, he encourages all high school students to create an original piece of artwork that features what Illinois pride and culture means to them.

#### Qualifications

The 2018 "Celebrate the State" High School Art Competition is open to **high school students only**. All applicants must attend school or be homeschooled in the 58<sup>th</sup> Senate District.

Artwork must be two-dimensional. All artwork can be **no larger** than **28 inches high, 28 inches wide, and 4 inches deep**. No artwork should weigh more than approximately 5 pounds. **Framing artwork is optional**. It can be framed upon arrival at the Capitol.

Accepted mediums for the two-dimensional artwork are as follows:

- Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
- Drawings: colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal (It is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed.)
- Collages: must be two-dimensional
- Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
- Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
- Computer-generated art
- Photographs

Each entry must be **original** in concept, design, and execution, and may not violate U.S. copyright laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo or image (including a painting, graphic, or advertisement) that was created by someone other than the student is a violation of the competition rules and **will not** be accepted. Work entered must be in the original medium (that is, not a scanned reproduction of a painting or drawing).

## How to Submit Your Artwork

Be sure to attach a completed entry form to the backside of your artwork.

To submit your artwork for Senator Schimpf's 2018 "Celebrate the State" High School Art Competition, please drop it off at either of the Senator's district offices **before 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 24.** **Please call the office to schedule a delivery time prior to dropping off your artwork.** The office locations are:

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## Winning Artwork

All entries will be transported to the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield and displayed there from April 29 to May 4. A panel of judges consisting of representatives from various arts organizations across the 58<sup>th</sup> Senate District will review all entries and announce the Grand Prize Winner, 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up, 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up, and four Honorable Mention pieces. The Grand Prize Winner, 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up will be proudly displayed in Senator Schimpf's Springfield office for the entirety of the year. Each Honorable Mention will also have their pieces prominently displayed in one of his district offices for the year.

All competition participants will be invited to the Illinois State Capitol on Tuesday, May 1 where they will be recognized on the Senate Floor and participate in a ceremony/reception where the competition winners will be announced.

## Rules

All artwork must adhere to the guidelines stated above. Submissions that do not adhere to guidelines, are submitted after the competition deadline, or are done by an ineligible student will not be judged.

## Competition Timeline

<b>February 9, 2018</b>	<b>Before 12:00 p.m. April 24</b>	<b>April 29 - May 4</b>	<b>May 1</b>
Art contest begins	All submissions are due at District Offices or picked up by the Senator's staff	All entries are displayed in the Illinois State Capitol	Ceremony/Reception at State Capitol where the winners will be announced

**2018 Art Competition Student Entry Form**

Please attach the following form to all artwork submitted.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date Art Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Media used in entry (e.g., colored pencil, oil paint) \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby grant permission for my artwork to be displayed in the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield, Illinois, and/or permanently displayed in Senator Schimpf's Springfield or District Office.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Student Signature)

Teacher's or Guardian's Signature verifying that the entry was done by you \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorization for Disclosure of Information**

Please attach the following form to all artwork submitted.

**Release Authorization:** I hereby authorize the Office of State Senator Paul Schimpf to release the personal information listed below as part of his 2018 "Celebrate the State" High School Art Competition. Such disclosure will include press releases and other publicity about the art competition. I understand this authorization may be revoked by me at any time, if requested in writing, except to the extent that action has already been taken. If authorizing the release of personal information concerning a minor, I assert I am the named minor's parent or legal guardian.

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Information to Be Released:**

<u>Student's Name</u>	<u>School Attended</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Age (if minor)</u>

**Address:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please Initial One of the Options Below:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I **CONSENT** to the disclosure of the personal information listed above for the purposes specified.

\_\_\_\_\_ I **DO NOT CONSENT** to the disclosure of this personal information.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date