# 2007–2008
# School Year

## Education Information

As a Member of Congress and a mother of two children, I understand the importance of education. Enclosed are dates and information for educators. If I can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to contact one of my offices.

My best,

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Member of Congress

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# INFORMATION FOR EDUCATORS

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## Congressional Art Competition

Each year my office sponsors a district wide art competition for all interested high school students. Any high school student living or attending school in the 7th District of Tennessee is eligible to participate in *An Artistic Discovery*, a national competition hosted by the U.S. House of Representatives.

**Important Dates**

Friday, April 11, 2008
Deadline for Artwork to be submitted to one of Congressman Blackburn's district offices.

Friday, April 25, 2008
7th District Winner announced.

A panel of judges selects the 7th District winner, and the first place artwork is sent to Washington, DC to be displayed in the United States Capitol. In addition, one national winner will be selected from all of the congressional district entries to receive a $12,000 scholarship to attend the Savannah College of Art. Donated airfare will also be provided for more than 100 of the selected winners throughout the United States to attend the reception and opening ceremony of *An Artistic Discovery*. Please contact one of my district offices for additional information.

## Congressional Page Program

Currently, the United States House of Representatives accepts 72 young men and women to serve as pages each year. Page eligibility is limited to juniors in high school only. All applicants must be at least sixteen-years old on the date they begin their Page term with no exceptions. Since the Speaker's office only accepts page applications from a Member of Congress, please contact my Washington, D.C. office at 202-225-2811 for additional information.

## Website Links

For a variety of web links visit the new "Kids Corner" on my redesigned website at www.house.gov/blackburn.

## United States Service Academies

As a Member of Congress, it is my privilege to nominate young men and women from the 7th Congressional District to the U. S. Air Force Academy, the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy, the U. S. Military Academy, and the U. S. Naval Academy. The U. S. Coast Guard Academy does not require a nomination and interested individuals are encouraged to contact the Coast Guard Academy directly. Applications are available by contacting my Academy Coordinator, in the Franklin district office, or on my website. Due to the unique environment of the Service Academies, I convene a military panel to review the nomination packets and recommend 10 qualified individuals to receive my nomination. For each Academy, 10 nominations, one will be offered an appointment to attend the Service Academy to which they applied.

**Important Dates**

September 8, 2007
Shelby County Academy Day

September 22, 2007
Williamson County Academy Day

October 31, 2007
All nomination packets due in the Franklin district office

End of January 2008
Nominations Announced

## The Congressional Award

Since 1979, the Congressional Award has been encouraging and recognizing the achievement, initiative, and service of America's youth. Through the Congressional Award, the U.S. Congress continues to challenge youth ages 14-23 in four program areas—Volunteer Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, Expedition and Exploration. Each area has guidelines and achievement levels to acknowledge the progress of the students. Participants earn Bronze, Silver and Gold Congressional Award Certificates and Bronze, Silver and Gold Congressional Award Medals. Aside from the age limits, the Congressional Award has no time limitations, is open to all students and has no minimum grade requirements.

For more information and program details, visit the Congressional Award website at www.congressionalaward.org

## Other Services

**Congressional Certificates for High School Graduates**
Graduation from High School is a milestone in a student's life and a noteworthy accomplishment. To honor this achievement, the House of Representatives has an official certificate of recognition for graduation from High School. To obtain certificates to insert with the graduation certificate, please submit your list of names as they are to appear on the certificate a ***minimum of 8 weeks*** prior to the graduation date. For more information, contact Francee Preston at francee.preston@mail.house.gov

**Grants**
The Department of Education offers a variety of grant opportunities. In an effort to assist local school systems in applying for grant funding, my Grants Coordinator is available to work with educators during the grant process.

**Planning a class trip to DC?**
A trip to our Nation's Capitol is an exciting and educational experience for students. It would be a pleasure to have the students stop by my Washington, DC office for a visit. My district staff is available to talk to the class prior to the trip about the legislative process. For more information, call my office at 202-225-2811 prior to the trip.

For further information, contact one of my offices or visit my website www.house.gov/blackburn