



**CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**
Thessaloniki, Greece



Announcement

The U.S. Consulate General in Thessaloniki is pleased to announce a fine arts and graphic design competition on the subject of Greek-American friendship and cooperation for all the students of Elementary, Junior High and High Schools of Macedonia, Thrace and Thessaly.

The purpose of the competition is to highlight the friendship and cooperation between the two countries. Students who wish to participate are invited to submit drawings, paintings, designs or other images that represent the close relations between Greece and the United States or the common values on which they are based. Some examples of our common ties and values include:

- Greek philosophy and science. American leaders dating back to the founding fathers have been deeply influenced by Greek thinking, including Thomas Jefferson, 3rd president of the United States and author of the American Declaration of Independence, which helped inspire the Greek Revolution.
- Greek and American efforts to promote democracy, prosperity and respect for human rights in Europe and beyond.
- Over 1 million people of Greek origin are living in the United States. Tens of thousands of Americans live in Greece. There are several thousand Greek citizens studying in the United States.
- Close cooperation between the U.S. and Greece in promoting commerce and combating organized crime, narcotics trafficking, illegal immigration and trafficking in persons.
- The Marshall Plan: U.S. assistance that helped rebuild Greece and other European countries after World War II.
- The Truman Doctrine: U.S. economic, political and military support for Greece, announced by the President of the United States, Harry Truman, on February 1947.
- Greek private and official assistance to the victims of Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Those eligible to participate in the competition:

- Students of Elementary Schools from the ages of 6-12 (boys and girls)
- Students of junior high and high schools, ages of 13-18 (boys and girls)

Criteria for judging submissions will include artistic and technical quality, creativity, clarity and simplicity. Participants are encouraged to use their imagination.

Participants should mail their works to the U.S. Consulate General at the following address: 43 Tsimiski Street, 546 23, Emporiko Kentro "Plateia", 7th Floor to the attn. of the Public Affairs Office or e-mailed at info@usconsulate.gr

This competition ends on January 21, 2008.

Winners will receive non-monetary prizes and honors. The winning entry will be posted on the U.S. Consulate General website and may be used as a Consulate logo for educational and other publications and events.

Winning entries and final results will be announced at the Consulate's webpage in January 2008.

