



Md. Students Asked To Help Design Commemorative Coin

Competition Open To K-12 Students

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BALTIMORE -- Your child's artwork could be part of a new commemorative coin that will be minted in 2012 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812.

State dignitaries and other officials announced the competition on Monday.



"It's competition. We were competing with other jurisdictions. By getting the votes in the House and Senate, we were able to get the mint," said Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger, D-Maryland.

The Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission is asking students in kindergarten through 12th grade to draw and submit their ideas for the coin's design. The commission will use the drawings as inspiration when creating the official design.

"On the back of my coin I have Fort McHenry, and on the front I have Francis Scott Key with the flag in the background," said fifth-grade student Connor Tudja.

The students will also learn more about Maryland's important role in the War of 1812 and the history of Fort McHenry, state officials said.

"I researched everything so I would know exactly what we were doing today, and I wanted to make sure my coin was almost perfect," said fifth-grader Joy Tarr.

The money raised from the coin will be used for events happening throughout October that celebrate the bicentennial in Maryland and bring national attention to Baltimore.

"This is going to help our state show what Baltimore was about 200 years ago. It's a celebration of the war and the Star-Spangled Banner," Ruppersberger said.

<http://www.wbaltv.com/education/25181312/detail.html>

The artwork has to be submitted by Oct. 8. Competitors can send their designs to:
Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission
Attention: Kate Marks
Maryland Office of Tourism/DBED
World Trade Center, 14th Floor
401 E. Pratt St.
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