



TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES *District Christmas Ornaments*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORNAMENT ARTISTS

Each year, House Members are invited to select a constituent, such as you, to imagine and create a visual representation of what makes your Texas House District special. Your artistic endeavor – in the form of an ornament – will decorate a majestic 23-foot, Texas-grown Christmas tree that will stand in the House Chamber of the Texas Capitol during the holiday season. Now in its ninth year, the district ornament project has proven to be a fun, educational, and much anticipated experience for the Capitol's thousands of holiday visitors who enjoy viewing the House Chamber photo album to see what makes communities throughout Texas unique.

Thank you for helping to make your Texas Capitol shine bright with both the spirit of the holiday season and the undeniable spirit of our magnificent state.

Before you begin, consider viewing the 2009-2016 ornament collections online at www.house.texas.gov/resources/holiday-ornaments/. There you will find examples of all previous artists' efforts.

Guidelines and Due Dates:

1. Please honor the Texas Capitol by designing your ornament art proposal in a respectful manner.
2. To ensure that all residents of House District 31 are represented, your proposal should try to represent every county in House District 31. (Atascosa, Brooks, Duval, Jim Hogg, La Salle, Live Oak, McMullen, Starr & Willacy County).
3. You can find the a map of the district here, and you can also see the history of each county by visiting <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook>.
4. Completed proposals should be submitted **no later than, Friday, September 15, 2017** to ensure that we have enough time to review each proposal and to deliver to the chosen artist the required materials.
5. The artist of the winning proposal will be welcomed to visit the Capitol to see the hanging of the ornament, which will be on display on the Christmas Tree inside the Texas House of Representatives Chamber between December 1st - January 3rd.

Questions?

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