

**The Fairfax County  
Student Human Rights Commission**

*presents  
The 5th Annual*

**Fair Housing Art/Poster and Literary Contest**

**FAIR HOUSING:**



**WELCOME TO MY NEIGHBORHOOD**

Submit an original artwork or written work discussing or depicting this year's contest theme.  
For entry instructions and contest details see reverse side.



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## What is Fair Housing?

The Fairfax County Human Rights Ordinance makes it **illegal to discriminate** in the sale or rental of housing or to otherwise make housing unavailable because of someone's **race, color, religion, national origin, elderliness (age), sex, disability, marital status, or familial status** (families having children under age 18 in the household). It is also illegal to fail to design and construct new housing (with 4 or more units) in a manner that is not accessible to persons with disabilities.

The Fairfax County Student Human Rights Commission is holding this contest to create awareness among high school students of fair housing issues and laws and to promote the importance of providing **equal housing opportunities** for all.

For more information about fair housing discrimination or the contest please contact the **Fairfax County Office of Human Rights & Equity Programs at 703-324-2953, TTY 711** or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ohrep/hrd](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ohrep/hrd)

## General Contest Information

- The contest is open to all public high school students within Fairfax County.
- Entries will be judged by category.
- Students may participate by submitting artwork or a written work on this year's contest theme, **Fair Housing: Welcome to My Neighborhood**. Students may only submit one entry.
- All submissions must be **original works**.
- **One winner will be selected in each category. Each winner will receive a \$150 prize courtesy of the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors®. Winners will also be recognized at the Office of Human Rights & Equity Programs' Annual Fair Housing Month Luncheon and the Human Rights Commission's Human Rights Awards Ceremony.**
- Contest entries must be postmarked by **March 20, 2015**. Send or deliver entries to: Nicole Rawlings, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 318, Fairfax, VA 22035 or email to [nicole.rawlings@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:nicole.rawlings@fairfaxcounty.gov).
- Each entry should include the contestant's name, grade, high school and contact information (email address and telephone number).
- Through submission of an entry, entrants grant Fairfax County, its partners, and/or prize sponsors permission to use their name, likeness, prize information, and name of high school, for private or public purposes without further permission or compensation. Entrants may opt-out from granting such permission via signed opt-out form at the time of entry. Participants under the age of 18 acknowledge that they have the consent of their parent or legal guardian to participate in this contest.

### ❖ Art/Poster Contest Rules:

1. Artwork must depict this year's Fair Housing theme, **Fair Housing: Welcome to My Neighborhood**.
2. Your artwork must measure no more than 18" x 24". You may use any art medium, including markers, paint, colored pencils, etc.
3. Criteria for judging are adherence to the contest theme, originality of concept and design, appeal, technique, and craftsmanship.

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### ❖ Literary Contest Rules:

1. Your essay or written work should **not exceed 700 words** and should discuss this year's Fair Housing theme, **Fair Housing: Welcome to My Neighborhood**.
2. All entries should be typed or neatly written, double-spaced on 8 1/2" x 11" pages with one inch margins in 12 point font.
3. Criteria for judging are adherence to the contest theme, originality, persuasiveness, and quality of writing (grammar, organization, and style).



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