

The Fairfax County Student Human Rights Commission

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The 2nd Annual

Fair Housing Art/Poster and Essay Contest



The theme for the 2nd Annual Fair Housing Art/Poster and Essay Contest is:

FAIR HOUSING: KEYS TO OPPORTUNITY

Submit an original artwork or essay 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 and The Fair Housing Act make 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, sex, disability, or familial status (families having children under age 18 in the household).

The Fairfax County Student Human Rights Commission is hosting this contest for the purpose of creating awareness in high school students of the importance of providing equal opportunities to housing and to elicit student's thoughts and suggestions on ways to address fair housing problems and issues.

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 703-324-2900 or visit 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 an essay on this year's contest theme, **Fair Housing: Keys to Opportunity**. Students may submit one entry in each category.
- All submissions must be original works.
- One winner will be selected in each category. Each winner will receive a \$150 prize and will be recognized at our Annual Fair Housing Luncheon and Human Rights Awards Ceremony.
- Contest entries must be postmarked by March 30, 2012. Send or deliver entries to: Nicole Rawlings, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 318, Fairfax, VA 22035 or email to 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 permission to use their name, likeness and/or Prize information, the name of the 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.** 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: Keys to Opportunity**.
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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❖ Essay Contest Rules:

1. Your essay should not exceed 700 words and should discuss this year's Fair Housing theme, **Fair Housing: Keys to Opportunity**.
2. All entries should be typed or neatly written, double-spaced on 8 ½" x 11" pages with one inch margins in 12 point
3. Criteria for judging are adherence to the contest theme, originality, persuasiveness, and quality of writing (grammar, organization, and style).



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