

FAIR HOUSING ART/POSTER or ESSAY CONTEST

“Fair Housing: A Place to Call Home”

The Fairfax County Student Human Rights Commission (SHRC) invites all public high school students to participate in our Fair Housing Art/Poster and Essay Contest.

What Is Fair Housing? The Fairfax County Human Rights Ordinance and The Fair Housing Act states that it is illegal to discriminate in the sale or rental of housing or to otherwise make housing unavailable because of race, color, religion, national origin, elderliness (55 and over), sex, disability, marital status, or familial status.

SHRC is hosting this contest to create awareness in high school students of the importance of providing equal opportunities to all people, regardless of our differences.

Here's what you need to know:

General Information:

- The contest is open to all public high school students within Fairfax County.
- Students may participate by submitting artwork OR an essay on this year's Fair Housing theme, “Fair Housing: A Place to Call Home.” Students may submit only one entry.
- Contest entries must be received by 4:30 pm on March 30, 2011. Send or deliver entries to: Nicole Rawlings, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 318, Fairfax, VA 22035 or nicole.rawlings@fairfaxcounty.gov.
- One winner will be selected in each category. Winners will be announced on April 7, 2011. Each winner will receive a \$200 prize and will be recognized at a Fair Housing Luncheon held on April 13, 2011 and at the Annual Human Rights Awards Ceremony on May 17, 2011.
- Each entry should include the entrant name, school name, home address, email address and telephone contact information.
- All entries become the property of the Fairfax County Office of Human Rights & Equity Programs, which may publicize, display, or exhibit entries it considers appropriate.



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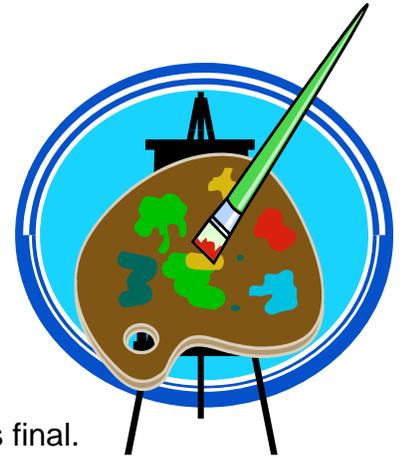


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Art/Poster Contest Rules:

1. Your art work must measure no more than 18 x 24 inches. You may use any art medium, including markers, paint, colored pencils, etc.
2. Artwork must depict this year's Fair Housing theme, "Fair Housing: A Place to Call Home."
3. All work must be original.
4. Winning entries will be selected by a panel of judges whose decision is final.
5. Criteria for judging are adherence to the Fair Housing contest theme, originality of concept and design, appeal, technique, and craftsmanship.



Essay Contest Rules

1. Your essay should not exceed 700 words and should discuss this year's Fair Housing theme, "Fair Housing: A Place to Call Home."
2. All work must be original
3. All entries should be typed or neatly written, double-spaced on 8 ½" by 11" pages with one inch margins in 12 point font.
4. Winning entries will be selected by a panel of judges whose decision is final.
5. Criteria for judging are adherence to the Fair Housing theme, originality, persuasiveness, and quality of writing (grammar, organization, and style).



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