

"What Home Means to Me"

Poster Contest

National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials • Housing America Campaign

"What Home Means to Me" Poster Contest: Entry Rules

ENTRY DEADLINE: MARCH 23, 2017

Poster Specifications:

- Theme: "What Home Means to Me"
- Size: All posters must be 22" x 28" to be considered for national judging.
- Media: Contestant may use any art media (marker, crayon, paint, collage, textiles, etc.), but please consider that posters will need to be packaged, mailed and reproduced.
- Mail or bring your entry to the Grand Rapids Housing Commission (GRHC) administrative office. Office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m.; the GRHC's address is:
Grand Rapids Housing Commission
1420 Fuller Ave. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507
- Contestants must complete and sign an application form making their entry the property of the National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) and permitting duplication and publication of their poster. Contestants are also asked to provide a short written paragraph about what inspired their poster design. Forms for the release and narrative are available online at www.grhousing.org/pdf/housingAmerica.pdf or at the following locations:
 - Grand Rapids Housing Commission main office, 1420 Fuller Ave. SE; office hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m.
 - Campau Commons Apartments Housing Management office, 821 South Division Ave.; office hours are Monday-Friday 1-5 p.m.
 - Creston Plaza Apartments Housing Management office, 1080 Creston Plaza Dr. NE; office hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-noon
- Contestant's name, grade level and housing authority must be written on the back of the entry.
- NAHRO will only return the original poster to the national grand prize winner; the grand prize winner must request the poster's return by October 1, 2017.

Eligibility and Selection Categories:

The "What Home Means to Me" poster contest is open to all children residing in affordable housing assisted directly or supported under community development and affordable housing programs administered by a NAHRO member authority (public housing or Section 8-assisted housing, CDBG, HOME, LIHTC). The GRHC's local competition is open exclusively to participants in GRHC housing programs.

Submission must be created by only one person. Entries created by two or more people will not be accepted.

Age Categories:

Elementary - Kindergarten (K) to 5th grade

Middle - 6th to 8th grade

High - 9th to 12th grade

GRHC, State and Regional Council Competitions

The GRHC will evaluate entries submitted by our residents and will award one \$25 gift card in each contest age category. All entries submitted to the GRHC will be sent on to the Michigan Chapter of NAHRO for judging at the state level. State winners will be sent on to a regional competition and regional winners will go on to the national NAHRO competition in Washington, DC.

National Competition

National contest winners will be selected by a panel of judges to be assembled by National NAHRO staff. National winners will be officially announced during "Housing America Month" in October. All eight NAHRO regions will be represented in a 2018 "What Home Means to Me" calendar that features the winners' poster art.

National prizes: Twelve national winners will each receive a \$100 Visa gift card. The national grand prize winner will be awarded an iPad. The grand prize winner and one family member will also be provided with transportation to and from and lodging at NAHRO's Washington Conference in Washington, DC, where he or she will be honored. The grand prize winner will also receive a framed copy of his or her original artwork and will tour Capital Hill.

APPLICATION

Name of Applicant-artist: _____

Address: _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip code** _____

Housing Agency: GRAND RAPIDS HOUSING COMMISSION

Age category: () Elementary K-5 () Middle 6-8 () High 9-12

Applicant's Age: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

(Required if applicant is under 18 years of age)

Conditions of submission:

Applicant and parent or guardian understand and agree that upon submission of the applicant's poster, the poster will become the sole property of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO). NAHRO shall have exclusive and full rights to copy, reproduce and distribute the poster in connection with its poster calendar and may retain the original of any poster. Applicant, and parent or guardian for and on behalf of applicant, hereby release and discharge NAHRO and any and all Regional Councils, State Chapters or other affiliates of NAHRO from any and all liabilities, claims, suits, or actions, including without limitation any claim to payment of compensation, in connection with NAHRO's possession, use, copying, reproduction, and/or distribution of the applicant's poster.

By signing this application below, applicant, and any parent of guardian signing on applicant's behalf, hereby indicate agreement to the conditions stated above. Any person signing as guardian further represents that he or she is fully and lawfully empowered to act as guardian for the applicant.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signature of Parent Guardian: _____

Who should we contact at the local housing agency regarding this poster?

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