

"What Home Means to Me"

Poster Contest

National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials ■ Housing America Campaign

"What Home Means to Me" 2024 Poster Contest: Entry Rules

ENTRY DEADLINE: MARCH 14, 2024

Poster Rules:

- Theme: "What Home Means to Me"
- Size: All posters must be 28" x 22" and must be horizontally oriented (landscape) to be considered for national judging. National winners will be featured in a 2025 "What Home Means to Me" calendar.
- 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.
- Contestants must 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 must complete a NAHRO photo release form giving NAHRO permission to use their picture for online and print publication.
- Contestants must complete a narrative form that includes a short written paragraph about what inspired their poster design—what is your poster about and why are the pictures it contains important to you?
- All required forms are available online at www.grhousing.org/pdf/poster-contest.pdf, or email: jsmith@grhousing.org.
- The application form, narrative form and photo release form should be secured to the back of the entry.
- Mail or bring your entry to the Grand Rapids Housing Commission (GRHC) administrative office. Office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. The administrative office address is:

Grand Rapids Housing Commission
1420 Fuller Ave. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Alternatively, contact GRHC Resident Services to drop your poster off at the Campau Commons Community Center or the Bobbie Butler Community Center at Creston Plaza:

Resident Services contact: Gregory Mason, phone: 616-235-2646, ext. 1801; email: gregory.mason@grhousing.org

**Hope Community residents can contact Latasha Maberry, phone: 616-235-2893, ext. 1703,
to arrange to drop off their poster**

Eligibility and Selection Categories:

The "What Home Means to Me" poster contest is open to children in grades K-12 residing in affordable housing assisted directly or supported under community development, as well as children in grades K-12 whose family participates in an affordable housing program administered by a NAHRO member authority. The GRHC's local competition is open exclusively to residents of GRHC housing programs.

Poster entry 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 three regional winners (one from each age category) will be sent to the national NAHRO competition in Washington, DC.

National Competition

Thirteen 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. Winners will be selected based on how well the artwork uses the "What Home Means to Me" theme. All eight NAHRO regions will be represented in a 2024 "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 and a framed copy of their original artwork. 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.



Application

Name of Applicant-artist: _____

Address: _____

City _____ **State** ____ **MI** ____ **Zip code** _____

Housing Agency: __Grand Rapids Housing Commission

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

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 or legal 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: _____

Local Housing Agency Contest Representative Contact Information (Local Housing Agency Office Only)

Name: Joyce Smith _____

Email: jsmith@grhousing.org _____

Phone: __ (616) 235-2600, extension 1114 _____

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Please write a short paragraph (100 words or less) explaining your poster.



NAHRO PHOTO RELEASE FORM

I hereby grant NAHRO permission to use my likeness in a photograph, video, or other digital media ("photo") in any and all its publications, including web-based publications, without payment or other consideration.

I understand and agree that all photos will become the property of NAHRO and will not be returned.

I hereby irrevocably authorize NAHRO to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish, or distribute these photos for any lawful purpose. In addition, I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photo.

I hereby hold harmless, release, and forever discharge NAHRO from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE PHOTO RELEASE. I AFFIRM THAT I AM AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE, OR IF I AM UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, I HAVE OBTAINED THE REQUIRED CONSENT OF MY PARENT/GUARDIAN AS EVIDENCED BY THEIR SIGNATURES BELOW. I ACCEPT:

Print Name

Signature

Date

If under 18, PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST SIGN

Parent/Legal Guardian

Date