

Fair Housing Media Contest Rules and Regulations



Purpose

To create awareness among young adults about the importance of fair housing, and of providing equal housing opportunities to all people regardless of their race, color, religion, age, gender, national origin, disability, familial status, sexual orientation, marital status and gender identity or expression. The contest also aims to educate youth about the problems relating to housing discrimination and elicit their thoughts, comments, and suggestions on ways to solve the problem through artist expression.

General Contest Information

1. The contest is open to all public, private, and home schooled students within Palm Beach County.
2. Entries for the poster contest will be accepted from grades 3 and entries for the essay contest will be accepted from grades 7 through 12; entries for the video contest will be accepted from grade 11 and above.
3. Students may participate by submitting an entry on this year's Fair Housing Month theme, "**Fair Housing Opens Doors**". Only one entry per student for **each** category may be submitted. Thus, a 7th grader may submit an essay and poster and an 11th grader may submit an essay and a video.
4. Entries must be received no later than **Friday, January 15, 2016** at 5:00p.m. Entries should be sent to:

Danielle Boutin
Realtors Association of the Palm Beaches
1 Harvard Circle
Suite 102
West Palm Beach, FL 33409

5. A first, second and third place winner will be chosen from each grade level and category of the contest.
Prizes grades 3-7 are as follows:
First Place: \$100
Second Place: \$50
Third Place: \$25

For Grades 11 and 12:

First Place for the Essay Category will be a Tablet/First Place for the Video Category will be a Tablet
Second Place for Essay: \$50/Second Place for Video: \$50
Third Place for Essay: \$25/Third Place for Video: \$25

6. All submitted posters will be displayed on-line at the sponsors' web sites and will be displayed at the South Florida Fair during the judging period.
7. **Winners will be notified by Monday, February 29, 2016 and prizes awarded at a reception held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Realtors Association located at:**
Realtors Association of the Palm Beaches
1 Harvard Circle
Suite 102
West Palm Beach, FL 33409
8. All entries become the property of the Realtors® Association of the Palm Beaches, and will be used in press releases, displays and exhibits to promote fair housing in Palm Beach County.
9. Questions about the contest may be referred to: Kim Flossie, Realtors® Association of the Palm Beaches at (561) 727-2791.

Poster Contest Rules:

1. Poster must measure 18x24 inches. **Artwork must be done horizontally.**
2. Use of poster paper, poster board or heavy hard stock paper only. Paper must be cut down to 18x24 inches.
NO FOAM CORE BOARDS PLEASE
3. Collages are not acceptable. Do not paste or glue objects to poster – All art work must be hand drawn.
4. Poster should be colorful using paint, magic markers, or crayons. Plain pencil is considered unfinished.
5. Posters must depict this year's Fair Housing Month theme:

“Fair Housing Opens Doors”

6. No names are to be written on front of poster. Each poster entry **MUST** be submitted with a registration form taped to the **BACK** of the poster's upper right hand corner – neatly typed or printed.
7. Any poster not following rules will be disqualified.
8. The winners will be determined by a panel of judges. Judges will consist of RAPB Realtors®, and elected officials. The panel of judges will take the public's vote into consideration while voting. Criteria for judging: adherence to the theme, creativity, appeal, neatness and reproducibility.

Essay Contest Rules:

1. Essays should not exceed 250 words, and should not deviate from the theme: **“Fair Housing Opens Doors”**.
2. All essay entries must be typed or neatly written, double-spaced, and must include a registration form which should appear on the back of the first page, upper right hand corner.
3. Essays will be judged on the following criteria: content, originality, grammar, organization and style.
4. Essay contest winners will be given the opportunity to read their essays at the awards reception.

Video Contest Rules:

1. Videos submitted should be exactly 24 seconds in length, and should not deviate from the theme: **“Fair Housing Opens Doors”**
2. Videos should be provided to RAPB in a DVD/mini-DVD (formats .wmv, .mov, .flv or .dvi) with a registration form affixed to the front of the case. The video should address the intended audience (students) in a clear, creative and compelling style.
3. Demonstrate technical proficiency in lighting, sound, and camerawork.
4. Demonstrate creative proficiency in delivering the intended message.
5. The video selected must be suitable and appropriate for a classroom setting, a broadcast for television, website and other media (no inappropriate language, violence, glamorizing smoking or depiction of trademarks).
6. Submissions should be accompanied by appropriate paperwork including talent and media release (available on our website), cast and crew list.
7. If more than one person produces the video, prize money is split between those parties.
8. The winning video may be broadcast on educational networks and PBC TV Channel 20 and played at the awards reception. It may also be used on the sponsors' websites as an educational tool.

REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE TAPE ON BACK OF EACH ENTRY

(Please make sure information is legible and complete or student may be disqualified)

Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____

Under the penalty of perjury, I confirm that the above information is true and correct.

Parent's Name (Print): _____

Parent's Signature _____

Email: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

--OR--

Teacher: _____

Name and Address of School/Organization: _____

School/Organization Phone: _____

Phone & Contact Name: _____

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