

# It is that time again....

## “What Home Means to Me” Poster Contest Entry Rules

We will be judging this year’s posters at the Spring Conference that will be held on Jekyll Island May, 16 & 17<sup>th</sup>. Judging will take place during the scholarship luncheon. Please bring all entries to the conference or ship to the Gainesville Housing Authority at 750 Pearl Nix Parkway prior to May 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Rules:**

- Theme - "What Home Means to Me"
- Size – All posters must be 22” x 28” and have a **LANDSCAPE/HORIZONTAL** orientation to be considered for national judging and may be featured in the **2023 “What Home Means to Me” calendar**.
- Media - Contestant may use any of the following art media: marker, crayon, paint, or color pencil. Please consider that posters will need to be packaged, mailed and reproduced.
- All entries must be mailed flat.
- All contestants must sign a release making their entry the property of GAHRA/NAHRO and permitting duplication/publication thereof. The release should be secured to the back of the entry.
- All regional finalists and national winners must sign a photo release waiver giving NAHRO permission to use their picture for online and print publication.
- All contestants are asked to provide a short narrative on the inspiration, vision, and importance of their poster design. The narrative should be secured on the back of the entry.
- **Contestant’s name, grade level, age, and housing authority must be written on the back of each poster entry** in addition to being listed on the release form also attached to the entry.
- GAHRA is only responsible for returning the original poster to the national grand prize winner. GAHRA is not responsible for returning posters except for the grand prize-winning poster.
- National winners will be selected based on how well the artwork uses the “What Home Means to Me” theme.

### **Eligibility and Selection Categories:**

Contest participation is open to all children in grades K-12 residing in affordable housing assisted directly, supported under community development, or participants in affordable housing programs administered by a NAHRO member authority (i.e., public or Section 8-assisted housing CDBG, HOME, LIHTC).

### **Age Categories:**

Elementary: K to 5th grade

Middle: 6th to 8th grade

High: 9th to 12th grade

**Local Chapter/State Competitions:**

**Housing authorities must be active NAHRO members in good standing to participate in the “What Home Means to Me” poster contest.**

Housing authorities submitting entries to the national poster contest must first send entries to their local/state NAHRO chapter or NAHRO regional council.

**NAHRO will not accept submissions from individual housing authorities or state associations. Any submissions sent directly to NAHRO will be disqualified.**

**National Prizes**

The grand prize cover winner will receive an iPad and a framed copy of their original artwork. The cover winner and one legal guardian will also get a trip to Washington D.C. and attend NAHRO’s Washington Conference where he or she will be honored. The 12 national winners will each receive a \$100 Visa gift card and a copy of the calendar.



## Application

**Name of Applicant-artist:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Housing Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age category:** Elementary: K-5<sup>th</sup> (\_\_\_) Middle: 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> (\_\_\_) High: 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> (\_\_\_)

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**"What Home Means to Me"**

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

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## 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