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The Fair Housing Council of Oregon and
Oregon Housing and Community Services
present

The 14th Annual FAIR HOUSING

POSTER CONTEST

To enter the
poster contest:

- Draw an original poster illustrating the theme "Fair Housing Welcomes Everyone Home".
- Send in your entry, and maybe you will be the lucky person whose poster is distributed across the state.



Open to Kids in Grades 1–8

Fair Housing is the name for the civil rights laws that protect an Oregonian's right to live where he or she chooses.

The theme for the 14th Annual Fair Housing Poster Contest is:

Fair Housing Welcomes Everyone Home

The entry deadline is March 16, 2012.

Prizes will be awarded in three different age groups. Full contest details are on the back of this poster. Mail entries to the Fair Housing Council of Oregon, 506 SW Sixth Ave., Suite 1111, Portland, OR 97204. If you have questions, please contact Justin Taylor at 503-223-8197, ext.111

Fair Housing Poster Contest Rules

◆ Theme

Fair Housing Welcomes Everyone Home

◆ Purpose

The intention of the poster contest is to increase awareness among young Oregonians of their right to equal housing opportunity. Federal, state and local laws prohibit discrimination based on:

- race
- color
- religion
- national origin
- sex
- familial status
- disability
- source of income
- marital status
- sexual orientation
- age
- gender identity
- occupation

Since we all fall into at least some of these categories, fair housing laws protect all of us from illegal housing discrimination.

◆ Poster Guidelines

Posters must contain wording that addresses the theme:

Fair Housing Welcomes Everyone Home

Posters must measure 11" x 17" on poster paper, poster board or similar material. Design the poster so it is horizontal. Materials used should be crayons, colored pencils, magic markers, tempera paint, pastels, or chalk. Please do not use glitter or glue.



◆ Poster Identification

The following information *must* be placed on the back of the posters using a ball point pen:

- The entrant's name, grade, school or youth program, and teacher or program staff person
- The name, mailing address, and telephone number of a parent/guardian

◆ Entry Date and Process

The entrant's school or organization should mail entries to the Fair Housing Council of Oregon by **March 16, 2012**. The address is:

Fair Housing Council of Oregon
506 SW Sixth Ave., Suite 1111
Portland, Oregon 97204

Entries become property of the Fair Housing Council of Oregon and will not be returned.

◆ Judging and Prizes

Prize-winning entries will be selected on their originality, content, design, appeal, technique and craftsmanship. The panel of judges will be composed of individuals with backgrounds in art, education and/or fair housing.

◆ Winning Entries

All winning entries will be placed on display at sites throughout the state in April as part of Fair Housing Month. The Grand Prize winner's poster will be reprinted and distributed throughout the state.

Questions?

Call the Fair Housing Council of Oregon at 503-223-8197, ext. 111 or 1-800-424-3247, ext. 111

What is Fair Housing?

Fair Housing is a set of federal, state and local laws which protect our right to equal housing opportunity by prohibiting illegal housing discrimination.

In 1968, the United States Congress passed the Fair Housing Act to address housing discrimination based on race, color, religion and national origin.

In 1974 and 1988, the Congress passed legislation which added protection from housing discrimination based on sex, familial status (having children under 18 in the household), and physical or mental disability.

In addition to the federal protections, the State of Oregon has laws that protect against discrimination based on marital status, source of income, sexual orientation and gender identity. Some cities protect age and occupation.

How does the Fair Housing Poster Contest help educate kids?

The poster contest is a great way to teach children about the importance of civil rights. The contest is a natural tie-in with lessons on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Black History Month in February. Congress actually passed the Fair Housing Act as a direct response to the assassination of Dr. King.

Children will also be interested in how fair housing protects their families. Before familial status protection was added to the federal laws, over 50% of landlords in the United States refused to rent to families with children. Familial status discrimination remains one of the most common types of discrimination in Oregon today.

For more information about fair housing history or the poster contest, please call 503-223-8197, ext. 111 or 1-800-424-3247, ext. 111

Contest Prizes



◆◆ GRAND PRIZE ◆◆
\$100

Grades 1 through 3

- * First Prize: \$75
- * Second Prize: \$50
- * Third Prize: \$25

Grades 4 and 5

- * First Prize: \$75
- * Second Prize: \$50
- * Third Prize: \$25

Grades 6 through 8

- * First Prize: \$75
- * Second Prize: \$50
- * Third Prize: \$25

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