



**2011 Fair Housing Arts Contest
"Housing the American Dream"
Contest Open To
Grades K through 12**

◆ **What is Fair Housing?**

Fair Housing is 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 gender, familial status, (having children under 18 in the household), and physical or mental disability.

In addition to the federal protections, the State of California has laws that protect against discrimination based on age, source of income, marital status, and sexual orientation.

Contest Rules

◆ **Theme**

Celebrating Diversity

◆ **Purpose**

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

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- National Origin
- Gender
- Familial Status
- Disability
- Source of Income
- Marital Status
- Sexual Orientation
- Age

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

◆ **Contest Guidelines**

Arts Contest -student may submit a poster, art model or any other form of visual art which describes this year's theme as it relates to fair housing. All art mediums will be accepted. Each submission must be submitted with an entry form. Each submission shall indicate the entrant's name, grade,

name of school, name of teacher, and the name and contact information of the parent/guardian.

◆ **Essay Contest (Grades 6-12 only)**

Students must submit an essay of 150 words or more describing this year's theme as it relates to fair housing. Each submission must be submitted with an entry form. Each submission shall indicate the entrant's name, grade, name of school, name of teacher, and the name and contact information of the parent/guardian.

◆ **Entry Date and Process**

The submission should be delivered by April 29, 2011 to:

City of Delano
Economic Development Department
Attn: Fair Housing
1015 11th Avenue
2nd Floor
Delano, CA 93215.

Entries become property of the City of Delano and will not be returned to the participants

◆ **Questions or Class Presentations**

Please call the City of Delano at: (661) 721-9985.

◆ **Judging and Prizes**

Prize-winning entries will be selected on their originality, content and the incorporation of fair housing into the theme. The panel of judges will be composed of individuals with backgrounds in education, real estate and/or fair housing.

◆ **Winning Entries**

All winning entries will be recognized at an award Ceremony to be held May 19, 2011.



◆ **Contest Prizes**

- Kindergarten**
* First Place \$75
* Second Place \$50
* Third Place \$25

- Grades 1-3**
*First Place \$75
*Second Place \$50
*Third Place \$25

- Grades 4-5**
*First Place \$75
*Second Place \$50
*Third Place \$25

- Grades 6-8
Art Contest**
*First Place \$75
*Second Place \$50
*Third Place \$25

- Essay Contest**
*First Place \$75
*Second Place \$50
*Third Place \$25

- Grades 9-12
Art Contest**
*First Place \$75
*Second Place \$50
*Third Place \$25

- Essay Contest**
*First Place \$75
*Second Place \$50
*Third Place \$25

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