



“What Home Means to Me” 2023 Poster Contest Entry Rules

Poster Specifications:

- 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 .
- Medium - Contestant may use any art medium (marker, crayon, paint, collage, textiles, etc.), but 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 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.
- Contestants name, grade level, 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.
- NAHRO is only responsible for returning the original poster to the national grand prize winner. NAHRO is not responsible for returning poster unless otherwise contacted by October 1.
- 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 an **active NAHRO member authority** (i.e., public or Section 8-assisted housing, CDBG, HOME, LIHTC). Entries must be created by only one person. Entries created by two or more people will not be accepted.

Age Categories:

Elementary: K to 5th grade;
Middle: 6th to 8th grade;
High: 9th to 12th grade

Contest Overview/Submittal Instructions:

- 1) Active NAHRO member housing authorities are encouraged to hold a local poster contest and submit their top 3 entries from each age category by March 21, 2022 to:

Dana Hiltunen
Virginia Housing Authority
442 Pine Mill Court
Virginia, MN 55792

The following needs to be submitted by the housing authority with their entries:

- a) Participant application - one attached to the back of each poster.
 - b) "What Home Means to Me" short paragraph - one attached to the back of each poster.
 - d) NAHRO photo release form - one attached to the back of each poster.
- 2) MN NAHRO holds a state contest and sends their top three winners (three from each category) on to the regional contest.
 - 3) The regional council, NCRC, holds a separate contest and sends their top three winners (one from each category) on to the National NAHRO contest.
 - 4) NAHRO holds a national contest to pick the 13 national winners. National honorees will be selected by a panel of judges assembled by NAHRO staff. National honorees will be announced during Housing America Month in October. All eight NAHRO regions will be represented in the calendar. The cover winner and one legal guardian will also receive a tour of Capitol Hill and attend NAHRO's Washington Conference in Washington, D.C. where he or she will be honored. The 12 national winners will each receive a \$100 gift card.