



2026 “What Home Means to Me” Poster Contest

The MN NAHRO Chapters holds a statewide poster contest to determine what posters will move on to the regional and national NAHRO poster contest. Please see the following instructions and rules to submit your posters.

MN NAHRO 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 27, 2026** to:

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The following needs to be submitted by the housing authority with each entry:

- a) Completed artist information form
 - b) Essay form
 - c) NAHRO verification form
 - d) Write the artist's name, grade level, and housing authority on the back of the 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 12 national winners who receive cash prizes and have their posters included in the “What Home Means to Me” calendar. The grand prize winner, whose art is also featured on the calendar cover, will receive a trip to NAHRO’s Washington conference to meet NAHRO membership and their Congressional offices.

“What Home Means to Me” Poster Contest Entry Rules

Please read the following rules!

Rules:

- Posters should be created to represent the theme **"What Home Means to Me"**
- Size – Posters must be at least 8.5 x 11 inches paper size (letter size) and no larger than 22 x 28 inches **AND** have a **LANDSCAPE/HORIZONTAL** orientation to be considered for national judging.
- Media – Artists may use any art media (marker, crayon, paint, collage, textiles, etc.), but please consider that posters will need to be packaged, mailed and reproduced.
- The artist's name, grade level and housing authority must be written on the back of each poster entry.
- All entries must be mailed flat.
- Artists/Member Agencies need to include a completed artist information form, essay and NAHRO verification form with every poster entry.
- Original posters will not be returned to artists.
- Poster contest winners will be asked to provide a high-resolution headshot photo of the artist to be used online and in print publication.

Eligibility and Selection Categories:

All artists, ages 5-18 in K-12 grades, must reside in a household, or be provided a housing-related service managed by a NAHRO member agency in good standing. 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