



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

### **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 **2021 “What Home Means to Me” calendar**.
- Media - Contestant may use any art media (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 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). 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:**

- 1) NAHRO member housing authorities submit their entries to their local/state NAHRO chapter. If your local/state NAHRO chapter does not hold a poster contest, contact your NAHRO regional council for more information regarding their poster competition.
- 2) Local/state NAHRO chapters may submit entries to their regional council.

- 3) The regional councils hold separate contests and send their top three winners (one from each age category) to NAHRO.
- 4) NAHRO holds a national contest to pick the 13 national winners.

**Local Chapter/State Competitions:**

**Housing authorities must be active NAHRO members 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.

While local state/chapter contests are optional, NAHRO encourages local/state NAHRO chapters to host their own poster contests and submit the winning posters to their regional council. If your local/state NAHRO chapter does not hold a poster contest, contact your NAHRO regional council for more information regarding their poster competition.

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

**Regional Council Competitions:**

Each regional council will determine a deadline for their poster contest entries and a date for regional judging. NAHRO is not involved in the scheduling or management of regional council contests. The eight regional councils will select three winners –one from each age category – and forward those winners to the national competition in Washington, D.C.

**National Competition:**

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.

**For NAHRO Regions:**

Deadline for submission of regional honorees to NAHRO is **Friday, August 7, 2020.**

**Only regional honorees should be mailed to:**

**NAHRO-2020 Poster Contest**

Attn: Ashanti Wright  
630 Eye Street NW  
Washington, DC 20001

**National Prizes**

The grand prize cover winner will also receive an iPad and a framed copy of their original artwork. 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 Visa gift card.