

“50 Years of Fair Housing: 1968 - 2018”



Silver State Fair Housing Council
Advocating for equal housing opportunity for all residents of Nevada

2018 Fair Housing Poster Contest!

Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC) invites you and your students to participate in our 22nd annual Fair Housing Poster Contest. We encourage you to involve your students as a way to foster a better sense of understanding, acceptance, and appreciation for the diversity in our neighborhoods and throughout our community.

The contest will take place from Monday, January, 8, 2018 through Friday, March 9, 2018 and is intended to help the youth of our community understand that under federal and state fair housing laws, *all* residents of Nevada should have equal access to housing regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, family status, disability, ancestry, sexual orientation, and gender identity/expression. The contest incorporates themes of civil rights and equal opportunity particularly appropriate for existing Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Black History Month observations.

If you would like to participate or want to distribute the information to your students, please contact our office at 775.324.0990. SSFHC will supply you with Poster Contest registration forms for all of your students, including information about contest guidelines. If you



2017 Grand Prize Winner Taylee Averett

opt not to make this a class project, students are encouraged to enter the contest individually as well. Contest guidelines and registration forms can be found on SSFHC's website: ssfhc.org

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to educate with art. SSFHC staff is available to provide age appropriate classroom training about fair housing and civil rights to enhance your students' experience.

Poster Contest Awards and Recognition

All students participating in the poster contest will receive a certificate of participation from SSFHC. Artwork meeting contest guidelines criteria will be on public display at locations in Reno and Sparks during April, 2018, National Fair Housing Month. The school/organization with the most contest participants will receive a recognition plaque. Contest prizes include:

Grand Prize Winner

- ☒ Grand prize winner will receive a one year family membership to the Nevada Museum of Art
- ☒ Artwork developed into SSFHC's 2018 Fair Housing Poster and 2019 Calendar
- ☒ Two framed posters, one for the winner and a second for his/her school/organization

1st PLACE Winners (Grades 1-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7&8)

- ☒ Each winner will receive 4 guest passes for admission to the Nevada Museum of Art
- ☒ Artwork included in SSFHC's 2019 Fair Housing Calendar

Nine Additional Winners

- ☒ Each winner will receive 2 guest passes for admission to the Nevada Museum of Art
- ☒ Artwork included in SSFHC's 2019 Fair Housing Calendar

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History of the Fair Housing Act



The Fair Housing Act, also known as the Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, is the result of three years of congressional consideration of housing discrimination and how housing discrimination should be

addressed. This debate occurred at the time our country was experiencing the rise of the civil rights movement under the leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., increasing public awareness of social injustices, and more strident voices calling for violent responses to those injustices.

On April 4, 1968, Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated. It was a time of great upheaval and Congress worked quickly to pass legislation which would help settle the unrest following King's assassination. One week after King's assassination, on April 11, 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act into law.

The Fair Housing Act of 1968 prohibited housing discrimination based on race, color, religion, and national origin. It also included provisions for the enforcement of the law. Housing discrimination cases can be pursued through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), a private

court action, a suit by the U.S. Department of Justice, or any combination of these. Sex was added as a prohibited basis of discrimination in housing in 1974.

The Fair Housing Act was amended in 1988 to include additional protections. Attorney and author Robert G. Schwemm likens the passage of the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 to passage of the original Fair Housing Act in 1968, when societal changes forced Congress to address civil rights issues for additional groups in our society. Influencing factors included: Democrats regaining control of the Senate in the 100th Congress, enactment of the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, and the 1988 presidential campaigns of George H. W. Bush and Jesse Jackson, both of which demonstrated a renewed concern for civil rights.

On September 13, 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed the Fair Housing Amendments Act. The amended Fair Housing Act now includes protections based on one's family status (having children under the age of 18) and protections for persons with disabilities, including accessibility standards for new multi-family housing. Nevada state law offers additional protections against discrimination based on ancestry, sexual orientation and gender identity/ expression.

2018 Poster Contest Sponsors:

City of Sparks City of Reno Washoe County

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Thank you to all supporters and participants!

Contest Guidelines (Important Stuff):

WORDS & IMAGERY

- Entries **MUST** contain the written theme: *“50 Years of Fair Housing: 1968 - 2018”*
- Entries **MUST** include interpretations of the contest theme, including representation of some, if not all, protected classes (race, color, religion, sex, national origin, family status, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity/expression) interacting in a housing related situation.
- Entries **MUST** be on construction-type paper and range in size from 8 1/2 x 11” to no larger than 12 x 18.” Please do not place wording closer than 3/4” to edge of paper.

MEDIA

- **Bold** colors and a variety of artistic media (collages, painting, watercolor, fabric, etc.) are encouraged.
- **NO** 3-Dimensional and **NO** computer generated artwork. **NO** corporate logos or brand names in the artwork.
- Artwork will be judged on originality, visual impact, artistic merit, and overall adherence to the contest theme.

REGISTRATION

- Each entry **MUST** be accompanied by a Contest Registration slip signed by a parent/guardian.
- Registration forms are available in Spanish.
- **ONLY ONE STUDENT NAME PER ENTRY FORM**
- Registrations should be **taped, not stapled**, to the back of the entry.
- Entries without signed registration forms will not be eligible for prizes.
- Per the registration form, artwork becomes property of SSFHC and **WILL NOT** be returned.

DEADLINE

- Deadline is Friday, March 9, 2018 at 5:00pm.
- All entries must be received at the office of Silver State Fair Housing Council: 110 West Arroyo Street, Suite A, Reno, NV 89509. Please call our office - 775.324.0990 - to schedule a drop-off.
- To make arrangements for poster entries to be picked up at your school or organization, please call 775.324.0990.

**Open To All
Students In**

1st - 8th Grades

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Available Resources

STAFF ASSISTANCE

Our staff is available to talk with teachers and their classes about the Fair Housing Act and housing discrimination issues in our community. Please contact SSFHC to discuss the possibilities. Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC) believes that education and outreach about fair housing rights and responsibilities is an integral component of any fair housing advocacy program. SSFHC offers a variety of educational opportunities to the public and to housing providers.

PRINT MEDIA

SSFHC has brochures, handbooks and a variety of posters and publicity which may assist teachers and students to better understand housing discrimination and everyone's right to choose where they want and can afford to live, regardless of race, color, religion, sex (gender), national origin, family status, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression.

VIDEOS

“Opening Doors in Rural Communities, Fair Housing Protects Us All”

Discrimination/fair housing experiences of persons living in rural areas, including northern Nevada

“We Still Have A Dream”

A reflection of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision

“Sharing the American Dream”

Fair housing and advertising of housing

“Housing Discrimination-Who Should Ever Have to Get Used to That?”

A law professor's description of her experience with housing discrimination in Washington, DC

“Right at Home”

Overview of fair housing provisions for persons with disabilities

“No Way In”

A segment of NBC Dateline (9/9/97) about accessibility discrimination in housing

“Fair Housing, It's Your Right”

Overview of Fair Housing Laws and Amendments

“Must There Be A Wall Between You and Me?”

Housing discrimination and how fair housing councils can help

“Hurtful to My Heart”

Verlinda Boswell's housing discrimination experience

“On the Threshold of Freedom”

Housing discrimination, segregation, and the effect it has on economy, and integrated communities

Annual Fair Housing Awards Reception



As part of its annual Fair Housing Month celebration, Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC) will host its Fair Housing Awards Reception in April, 2018. This annual event brings together community members with poster contest winners and their families, friends, teachers, and school administrators to honor our talented artists. Winning posters will be on display at the event, and prizes will be individually awarded to each of the winners. Prepare to have a great time and save room for cupcakes and lemonade as we celebrate our vision of a diverse and inclusive community.



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Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC) is a private, non-profit corporation that promotes equal housing opportunity in Nevada. SSFHC advocates for fair housing by providing a comprehensive program of outreach, education, and enforcement activities. Under provisions of the Fair Housing Act, it is illegal to discriminate in the sale, rental, financing or insuring of housing based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, family status or disability. Nevada state law offers additional protections against discrimination based on ancestry, sexual orientation and gender identity/expression.

By addressing the needs of housing consumers, housing providers, and local governments, SSFHC works to break down barriers to equal housing opportunity and build opportunities for community members to relate to each other as neighbors.

SSFHC recognizes its responsibility to the communities it serves and is committed to ensuring equal housing opportunity by:

- Maintaining an active, inclusive and diverse Board of Trustees, representing and responding to community needs;
- Maintaining a knowledgeable, professional staff of fair housing advocates to assist community members and housing providers;
- Conducting community education to assist residents in recognizing and reporting housing discrimination;
- Conducting quality educational programs for the housing industry-including property managers, owners, Realtors®, developers, architects, and lenders-to address housing discrimination issues before they occur;
- Educating local attorneys about fair housing and maintaining a pool of attorneys to assist clients with fair housing issues;
- Working with local nonprofit and social service agencies to assist in recognizing and referring housing discrimination claims by their clients; and
- Providing information and technical assistance to local governments to aid in identifying and eradicating barriers to fair housing.

SSFHC is committed to work toward the day when no community member has to experience the indignity of illegal housing discrimination and all neighborhoods reflect the richness and diversity of the larger community.