

# FAIR HOUSING POSTER CONTEST

*“Fair Housing Creates Community”*

## CONTEST GUIDELINES:

- Entries **must** contain the written theme: **“Fair Housing Creates Community”**
- Entries **must** include interpretations of the contest theme, including representation of members of 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.
- **Bold colors and a variety of artistic media (collages!/paintings!/wallpaper!/fabric!/etc.???) are encouraged.**
- 3-Dimensional and computer-generated artwork will not be eligible for judging. PLEASE, **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.
- Open to all Washoe County students in 1st - 8th grades.
- Each entry **MUST** be accompanied by a Contest Registration slip signed by a parent/guardian.
- Registration forms in English and Spanish are available on our website: [ssfhc.org](http://ssfhc.org)
- **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 judging and prizes.
- Per the registration form, artwork becomes property of SSFHC and **cannot be returned**.
- Contest deadline is **Friday, February 28, 2020 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, by the contest deadline. You may call our office at 775.324.0990 to schedule a drop-off **OR** to make arrangements for poster entries to be picked up at your school or organization



## 2020 REGISTRATION FORM

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(ONLY ONE STUDENT NAME PER ENTRY FORM)

**Student's Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School/ Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_

## CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION:

**ARTWORK WILL NOT BE RETURNED.** All artwork becomes the property of Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC). Winning entries will be used in promotional materials used by SSFHC. Winning artists will be invited to an event announcing the winners. Winning entries will be publicly displayed using the student's **FIRST NAME, GRADE, and SCHOOL**. Under the conditions stated above, I give the above-listed student permission to participate in the 2020 Fair Housing Poster Contest.

**Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Toll-Free:** 1.888.585.8634 **Relay Nevada:** 711  
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## **What Is Fair Housing?**

In 1968, fifty-one years ago, the federal Fair Housing Act was passed. Before 1968, doors were closed to many people simply because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, family status and disability. The Fair Housing Act opens doors for many people by guaranteeing everyone the right to rent or buy housing on a fair and equal basis.

Housing discrimination denies people the right to choose the neighborhoods in which they want to live. This affects families with children, persons with disabilities, and people from all racial and ethnic backgrounds. Housing discrimination also denies everyone the right to enjoy the diversity our community has to offer.

## **Who Does the Law Protect?**

The federal Fair Housing Act protects all of us from housing discrimination. The Fair Housing Act protects us against discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religious beliefs, sex, family status, or disability. Nevada state law offers additional protections against discrimination based on ancestry, sexual orientation and gender identity/expression.

## **Why Participate?**

April is National Fair Housing Month. The 24th annual SSFHC Poster Contest emphasizes the importance of realizing that everyone is protected by the Fair Housing Act.

This poster contest is intended to foster a better sense of understanding, acceptance, and appreciation of the diversity in our neighborhoods and throughout our community. Show the community your vision of a neighborhood where everyone can choose where they want and can afford to live.

Living as neighbors, we learn to appreciate our similarities and our differences.

## **Who are we?**

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. With offices in Reno and Las Vegas, SSFHC serves housing consumers and providers throughout the state, acting as a resource to ensure that all Nevadans benefit from the provisions of fair housing law.

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