

Official Entry Form for Poster and Journalism Contest

Please complete this form and tape it to the back of the poster or the back of the last page of the essay.

Student Name

School

Student Grade

Student Age

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Address

City, State, ZIP

Parent/Guardian Phone

Parent/Guardian E-mail

I believe my child's participation in this contest ☐ has ☐ has not increased our family's knowledge of our fair housing rights.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Participation in this contest constitutes authorization by the contest entrant's parent or guardian that the entrant's name, photograph, artwork, and/or essay may be published by the state of Missouri and the City of Ferguson in print, web, or broadcast mediums (including, but not limited to, press releases, state/city publications, and state/city websites).

Submissions

Submit contest entry forms, posters, and essays to:

City of Ferguson
Attn: Megan Asikainen
110 Church Street
Ferguson, MO 63135
314-521-7721

Contact Information

Missouri Commission on Human Rights
111 N. 7th St., Suite 903
St. Louis, MO 63101
www.labor.mo.gov/mohumanrights
Toll Free: 877-781-4236

U.S. Department of
Housing and Urban Development
Gateway Tower II, 4th Floor
400 State Avenue
Kansas City, KS 66101-2406
913-551-6958
Toll Free: 800-743-5323

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an equal opportunity employer/program.
Auxiliary aids and services are available
upon request to individuals with disabilities.
TDD/TTY: 800-735-2966 Relay Missouri: 711*



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City of Ferguson Fair Housing Month Poster and Journalism Contest

Promoting Fair Housing
and Educating Families



3rd Place Poster (Grades 7-12)

**Fair Housing Is Your Right.
USE IT.**

Sponsored by
The City of Ferguson,
Ferguson Human Rights Commission,
and Missouri Commission on
Human Rights

Know Your Fair Housing Rights

The Missouri Commission on Human Rights is a governmental agency which enforces the state law that prohibits discrimination in Missouri's places of employment, public accommodations, and housing. Discrimination under the Missouri Human Rights Act is based on the protected categories of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental disabilities, age, and/or familial status.

All Missouri citizens have the right to access the housing of their choice. Apartments, houses, mobile homes, and even vacant lots to be used for housing are covered by the Missouri Human Rights Act. Anyone who has control over residential property and real estate financing must obey state and federal fair housing laws, including landlords, rental managers, property owners, real estate agents, bankers, developers, builders, and individual homeowners who are selling or renting property.

Under state and federal fair housing laws, it is illegal to commit the following acts because of a person's membership in or association with a person in a protected category:

- Refuse to sell or rent housing
- Lie about the availability of housing
- Evict
- Treat a tenant differently in the terms or conditions of housing, such as rent, security deposit, or maintenance
- Refuse to allow reasonable modifications necessary for the use of a dwelling by a person with a disability (at the tenant's expense)
- Fail to make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices, or services necessary for a person with a disability to occupy the housing
- Set different home sale prices or impose different interest rates, points, or fees on a loan
- Reject a mortgage loan

Mission

This contest is open to all youths in grades K-12. To enter, students must write an essay or design a poster around the theme "Fair Housing Is Your Right. USE IT." Students must incorporate this theme in their essays or posters. The essay or poster should depict what it means for Ferguson residents to have the right to non-discriminatory housing – housing that is accessible and open to everyone, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, disability, or familial status.

Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place entries in EACH group as follows:

1st Place \$100

2nd Place \$50

3rd Place \$25

Poster Contest Age Groups:

Group 1: Kindergarten - Third Grade

Group 2: Fourth - Sixth Grade

Group 3: Seventh - Twelfth Grade

Journalism Contest Age Group:

Group 4: Seventh - Twelfth Grade

Poster Contest Rules

1. Paintings, drawings, photography, collages, or any other two-dimensional medium or combination of media in color or black-and-white is acceptable.
2. The words of the theme ("Fair Housing Is Your Right. USE IT.") MUST appear somewhere on the poster. **Posters without the words of the theme will be disqualified.**
3. Posters should be original and no larger than 11" x 17". Computer-generated art is acceptable, but the use of copyrighted photos or images is discouraged.

Journalism Contest Rules

1. All essays must be typewritten, double-spaced on white 8 1/2" x 11" paper and not exceed three pages.
2. The essay MUST include the theme ("Fair Housing Is Your Right. USE IT.") in more than just the title. The theme should also be incorporated into the body of the essay.
3. Each essay must identify all quotes, either within the body of the essay or as a footnote or endnote.

Deadline

The deadline for submitting the essay and poster is April 17, 2015. All entries must be delivered and in the possession of the:

City of Ferguson
110 Church Street
Ferguson, MO 63135

by close of business this date. Contest winners will be announced and honored on April 26, 2015 at the:

Ferguson Community Center
1050 Smith Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63135
3 - 5 p.m.

"Any social injustice has an effect on all of us ... Race, family size, and religion should not be factors in a family's choice of where they should and could live."

– From 2011 2nd Place Essay by Cameron Watt from Charleston (Grades 7–12)