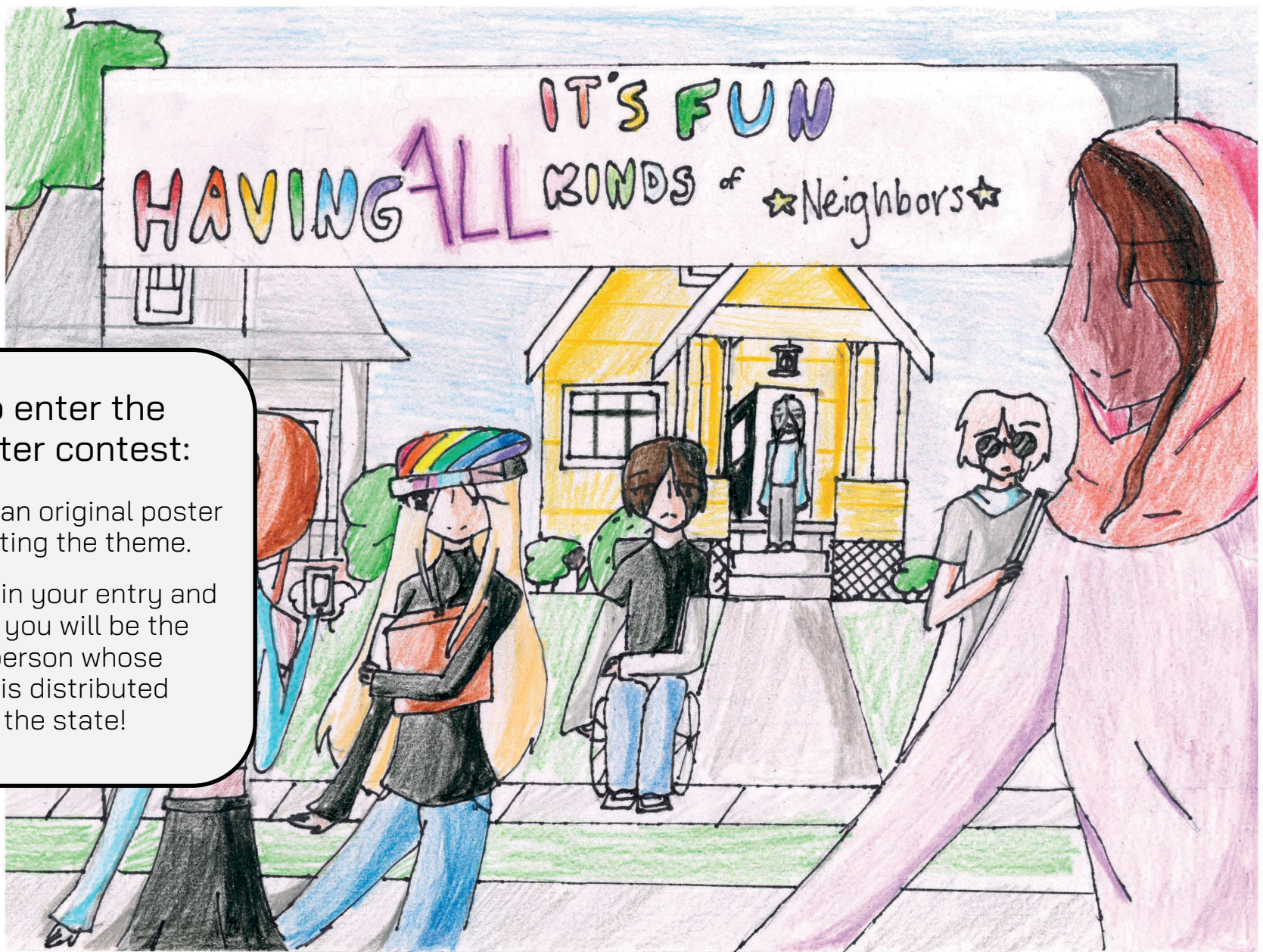


The Fair Housing Council of  
Oregon Presents

The 26th Annual

# FAIR HOUSING



POSTER CONTEST

To enter the  
poster contest:

- Draw an original poster illustrating the theme.
- Send in your entry and maybe you will be the lucky person whose poster is distributed across the state!

2021 Poster Contest grand prize entry by 4th grader Annaliese DuPont of Portland

## Open to Kids in Grades 1-8

**Fair Housing** is the name for the civil rights laws that protect a person's right to live where they choose.

The theme for the 26th Annual Fair Housing Poster Contest is:

***It's Fun Having All Kind of Neighbors***

Entry deadline is 5:00pm on March 1st, 2024

Prizes will be awarded in three different age groups. Full contest details are on the back of this poster.

Mail entries to the Fair Housing Council of Oregon, 1221 SW Yamhill St, Suite #305. If you have questions, please call 503-223-8197 ext.108 or email [information@fhco.org](mailto:information@fhco.org)

# The Fair Housing Poster Contest

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### Theme

*It's Fun Having All Kinds of Neighbors*

### Purpose

The intention of the poster contest is to increase awareness among young Oregonians of their right to equal housing opportunity. Federal, state and local laws prohibit discrimination based on:

- Race •disability •source of income
- marital status •sexual orientation
- gender identity
- color •religion •national origin
- sex •familial status

Since we all fall into at least some of these categories, fair housing laws protect all of us from illegal housing discrimination.

### Poster Guidelines

Posters must contain the theme wording in them. Entries that feature diverse communities are strongly encouraged. Try to think about the protected classes above!

Posters must measure **8.5" x 11"** on poster paper, poster board or similar material. Design the poster so it is horizontal. Materials used should be crayons, colored pencils, magic markers, temperapaint, pastels, or chalk. Please do not use glitter or glue.

### Poster Identification

The following information must be placed on the back of the posters using a ball point pen:

- The entrant's name, grade, school or youth program, and teacher or program staff person
- The name, mailing address, and telephone number of a parent/guardian

### Entry Date and Process

The entrant's school or organization should mail entries to the Fair Housing Council of Oregon by 5:00 p.m. March 1st, 2024. The address is:

**1221 SW Yamhill St, Suite #305**

**Portland, OR 97205**

Entries become property of the Fair Housing Council of Oregon and will not be returned. FHCO reserves the right to publish and/or display all work.

### Winning Entries

Prize-winning entries will be selected on their content, design, appeal, and technique. Winning posters must creatively address the theme and promote inclusive communities. The Grand Prize winner's poster will be reprinted and distributed throughout the state.

### Contest Prizes

The Grand Prize-winning artist will receive \$100. Additionally First Prizes (\$75), Second Prizes (\$50), and Third Prizes (\$25) will be awarded to the winning entries from 1st-3rd grade, 4th -5th grade, and 6th -8th grade.

### What is Fair Housing?

Fair Housing is a set of federal, state and local laws which protect our right to equal housing opportunity by prohibiting illegal housing discrimination. In 1968, the United States Congress passed the Fair Housing Act to address housing discrimination based on race, color, religion and national origin. In 1974 and 1988, the Congress passed legislation which added protection from housing discrimination based on sex, familial status (having children under 18 in the household), and physical or mental disability. In addition to the federal protections, the State of Oregon has laws that protect against discrimination based on marital status, source of income, sexual orientation and gender identity. Some cities protect age and occupation.

### How does the Fair Housing Poster Contest help educate kids?

The poster contest is a great way to teach children about the importance of civil rights. The contest is a natural tie-in with lessons on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Black History Month. Congress actually passed the Fair Housing Act as a direct response to the assassination of Dr. King. Children will also be interested in how fair housing protects their families. Before it was added to the familial status protection federal laws, over 50% of landlords in the United States refused to rent to families with children. Familial status discrimination remains one of the most common types of discrimination in Oregon today.