



# 2016 FAIR HOUSING ART CONTEST

“Fair Housing: Celebrating Diverse Neighborhoods”

The Office of Fair Housing is having an Art Contest! This year’s theme is “Fair Housing: Celebrating Diverse Neighborhoods.” This contest celebrates the signing of the Fair Housing Act and the importance of civil rights. The purpose of this contest is to create a better sense of understanding, acceptance, and appreciation of diversity in our community.

The Fair Housing Act was signed on April 11, 1968, making the month of April National Fair Housing Month. Fair Housing is a set of laws and principles that protect our right to equal housing opportunities. The Fair Housing Act makes it illegal to discriminate in housing based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, and disability. In Canton, City Code also protects against discrimination based on ancestry, military status, and sexual orientation or gender identity.

Twelve winners will be chosen by the Fair Housing Commission and their artwork will be featured in a special 2017 calendar. Winners will be selected for their originality, content, design, appeal, and craftsmanship. Winners are invited to attend an award ceremony on April 26, 2016 from 5:00-7:00pm at the Stark County District Library (Main Library – McKinley Room, 715 Market Ave. N Canton, 44702). Light refreshments will be provided.

### Contest Guidelines:

- \*Contest is open to all Canton City Middle School Students. One student per entry. Group submissions will not be accepted.
- \*Entries must be accompanied by a Contest Registration Form with all necessary information.
- \*Registrations should be taped to the back of the entry. Entries without signed registration forms will not be eligible.
- \*Entries **MUST** include interpretations of the contest theme, including representations of some, if not all, protected classes (race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, disability, gender identity or sexual orientation, military status, and ancestry) interacting in a housing related situation.
- \*Artwork must be horizontal. Entries must range from 8.5x11” to no larger than 12x18”
- \*No 3-Dimensional or computer generated work. No corporate logos or brand names in artwork.
- \*Artwork becomes property of the Fair Housing Department and will not be returned.
- \***Submission deadline is March 17, 2016.**

Questions? Call 330.438.4133

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### **2016 Registration Form**

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

Student’s Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### **CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION:**

ARTWORK WILL NOT BE RETURNED. All artwork becomes property of the City of Canton’s Fair Housing Department. Winning entries will be used in promotional materials by the Fair Housing Department. Winning entries will be publicly displayed under the student’s **FIRST NAME, GRADE, and SCHOOL.**

Under the conditions stated above, I give the above-listed student permission to participate in the 2016 Fair Housing Art Contest.

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

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_