

2025 Fair Housing Youth Poster Contest Guidelines

Theme: *Won't You Be My Neighbor*

Start Date: **February 21, 2025**

Due Date: **March 10, 2025**

Winner Announcements: **March 17, 2025**



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The Elkhart Human Relations Commission (HRC) works to ensure that everyone has a fair choice to decide where they live. Whether it's an apartment, a house, or a trailer, everyone should be welcomed to live in the neighborhood they choose. We hope you participate in our contest this year!

Eligibility

- Any 3rd through 6th Grade student living in Elkhart.
- Entry forms are required to be signed and taped on the back of the poster – no staples or glue.
- One entry per student.

Poster Criteria

- Must include Fair Housing theme: *Won't You Be My Neighbor*
- Use 11 x 14 Poster board (Free poster boards are provided. Call HRC office at 574-322-4431)
- A variety of art mediums may be used (watercolor, pen, crayon, chalk, markers, etc.)
- Posters must be **creative and original** artwork and ideas.
- Do not fold poster board.

Poster Drop Off/Pick Up Locations

- Drop Off at – HRC Office -201 S. Second Street in Elkhart
- Drop Off at – Tolson Center – 1320 Benham Avenue in Elkhart
- For Pick Up – Call HRC Office at 574-322-4431

Judging

Posters will be judged on their artistry, creativity, originality, and their ability to communicate a clear and positive message about the Fair Housing theme.

Winners

The winners of the gift cards (First place - \$100, Second place - \$50, and Third place -\$25) will be contacted.

The awards will be given on **March 17, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the City of Elkhart Council Meeting- 229 S. Second Street-Elkhart**

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Fair Housing Poster Contest Entry Form

Print Full Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City: ELKHART State: INDIANA Zip Code: _____

Age Category: 3rd – 4th GRADE

5th – 6th GRADE

School Name or Home School: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

****Please tape this entry form to the back of your artwork to ensure that you get the credit that you deserve!***

Conditions of Submission:

I affirm that I am the creator of my submission and that it is an original artwork. I acknowledge that by submitting this poster it becomes the property of Elkhart Human Relations Commission (EHRC) and may be used in newspapers, media, presentations, informational materials including websites, and for other educational purposes. My submission may also be shared with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and may appear in their materials. I understand that I will be given credit as the poster artist in all reproductions of my submissions unless I request otherwise.

Applicant and Parent/Guardian hereby release and discharge EHRC from any and all liabilities, claims, suits, or actions, including without limitation any claim to payment of compensation, in connection with EHRC possession, use, copying, reproduction and/or distribution of the Applicant's poster. By signing this application below, Applicant and any Parent/Guardian hereby indicate agreement to the conditions stated above. Applicant and Parent/Guardian grant full permission and authority to EHRC to use, publish and display Applicant's image and/or voice for purposes for this contest. Any person signing as Parent/Guardian further represents that he/she is fully and lawfully empowered to act as such for the Applicant.

Please have your parent/guardian sign and date below acknowledging that they have read and agree to the information listed above:

Print Name of Parent/ Guardian: _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Call HRC at 574-322-4431 if you have any questions, need a free poster board, or need your poster board picked up.