Fair Housing Poetry Contest

2020 Theme:

"Unity in Diversity"

Due Date for Poetry Entries: Friday, April 3, 2020

All children in Marin in grades 3-12 are invited to enter. Winners will receive prizes and will be recognized at an Awards Ceremony with elected officials and community leaders.

Celebrating Diversity!





Presented by:

FAIR HOUSING ADVOCATES OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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CONTEST INFORMATION

PRIZES

All winners will receive great prizes and certificates of recognition by local elected officials.

AWARDS CEREMONY

Winners will be recognized during a ceremony with members of the Marin Board of Supervisors and local dignitaries on April 29, 2020 in celebration of National Fair Housing Month, with Mistress of Ceremonies Mary Jane Burke, Marin County Superintendent of Schools.

CONTACT US

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WHY SUBMIT A POEM?

Fair Housing Advocates of
Northern California wants to
celebrate the beauty that each
unique individual brings to our
neighborhoods and our schools.
We want to help prepare our
children for a future where they
will live and work with people of
diverse backgrounds.

It is hurtful and unjust when people are judged or treated differently because of their skin color, language or accent, ethnic background, religion, gender, disability, or because they have children in the family. We want to help build a more inclusive community, free of prejudice.

"Different people, different shapes

Different colors, different race

But put them all together in one special place

And this rainbow of friends will put a smile on your face"

"I want to take this opportunity to thank you and your wonderful staff for all you do for children and their families in Marin County. We are so fortunate to have a community partner like you to support the education of our children."

- Mary Jane Burke, Marin County Superintendent of Schools

ELIGIBILITY RULES

<u>Due Date for Submissions:</u> Friday, April 3, 2020 @ 6 PM

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Topics related to diversity, inclusion, respect for all, equality, breaking stereotypes, equal housing opportunity, or related subjects.

Grades: Open to all students in grades 3-12. One poem per student only.

Length and Style: Up to 25 lines in any style.

Originality: Poems must be original.

<u>Copyright and Intellectual Property:</u> All submissions become the property of Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California (FHANC) and may be considered for publication on the agency website or promotional materials. Participants grant FHANC permission to publish their work in any format. Participants retain copyright of their own work.

<u>Submission:</u> Submit poems in double-spaced, 14-point font, or in LEGIBLE handwriting. Participants must complete the entry form (page 4) to qualify for the contest and submit it with the poem (electronically or by mail).

Delivery Methods: Submissions by mail or electronically

- Send hard copies by mail or deliver in person to:
 FHANC / Poems / 1314 Lincoln Avenue, San Rafael, CA 94901
- Send electronic copies to: poems@fairhousingnorcal.org. If you don't receive a confirmation within two days of submission, please call us.



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FAIR HOUSING POETRY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

(This information is required to participate in the contest.)

<u>Please include the following information with your poem (with all electronic or paper copies). Please print clearly.</u>

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