



FAIR HOUSING COLORING AND POSTER CONTEST

THEME: April 2016 marks the recognition of **Fair Housing Month**. The Fair Housing Act of 1968 makes it illegal to discriminate in housing based on race, color, sex, religion, disability, familial status or national origin. To commemorate and bring awareness to this issue, the **City of Gastonia Housing and Neighborhoods Division** is sponsoring its first Fair Housing Poster Contest with the theme, **"Fair Housing Opening Doors"**. Participation in the contest fosters the opportunity for both children and their families to have a better understanding, acceptance, and appreciation for diversity, opportunity, and equality throughout our community.

WHO: Gaston County Public and Private Schools
Elementary Schools within the corporate limits of Gastonia

WHAT: 2016 Fair Housing Coloring and Poster Contest

- **Coloring Contest: Grades K - 2**
- **Poster Contest: Grades 3 - 5**

HOW: **TO ENTER:** Contact Danette Dye by **Tuesday, March 1, 2016**, at (704) 866- 6758 or email: danetted@cityofgastonia.com
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: **Thursday, March 10, 2016 - 4 pm.**

GUIDELINES:

- **Limit Five Entries Per School Per Age Division**
- Only one submission per student; no group entries allowed
- All entries must have a label attached to the back , bottom left corner of the artwork and include the following information: *School's name, student's name, teacher's name and grade level*

COLORING CONTEST ENTRIES

- Coloring sheets are available for the K-2 Coloring Contest
- Coloring contest entries must be on the 11" x 17" sheets provided

POSTER CONTEST ENTRIES

- Posters must depict the theme: ***"Fair Housing Opening Doors"***
- Poster entries must be on poster board 22" X 28" or smaller
- Eligible media types include paint, markers, water colors, color pencils, etc.,



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SUBMITTING ENTRIES:

- Entries may be dropped off at the:
City of Gastonia
James B. Garland Municipal Business Center
Housing and Neighborhoods Division Office
150 S. York Street – Second Floor
Gastonia, NC 28052
- CONTEST DATES: **Wednesday, February 10, 2016 – Thursday, March 10, 2016.**
- SUBMISSION DEADLINE: **Thursday, March 10, 2016 – 4:00 PM.**
- Late entries cannot be accepted.

AWARDS:

Winners will be announced on **Monday, March 21, 2016.**

Awards presentations will be made at the City Council Meeting on **Tuesday, April 19.**

First Place Award: \$25.00 Gift Card

Second Place Award: Large Prize Pack

Third Place Award: Small Prize Pack

- All participants will receive a certificate.
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards given for each age division: K-2; 3-5