

CITY OF PITTSBURGH

FAIR HOUSING ESSAY CONTEST



OPEN TO STUDENTS Ages 12-16 in the Pittsburgh Area

Write a 2-3 page essay (12 point font, double-spaced) on
the following topic:
DIVERSE COMMUNITY



The Fair Housing Act (FHA), passed by Congress in April 1968, guarantees everyone the right to rent or buy housing on a fair and equal basis.

What would it be like to live in a diverse community? How does the Fair Housing Act help create diverse communities? How would it feel to be part of a community that celebrates the differences of its members?

FORMAT:

Essays should have a cover sheet containing:

Your Name, Your Age, Your Address and Your School

Do not put your name anywhere else on the essay.

JUDGING/WINNING:

Essays will be judged on content, overall organization, writing style, grammar/spelling, and adherence to directions regarding format.

Winners will be notified by mail, no later than November 1, 2020.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:

Submissions must be received by Monday October 19th, 2020 4pm.

Submissions may be mailed or emailed to:

Mary Kuna

City of Pittsburgh

35 Broad St.

Suite 202

Pittsburgh, PA 15201

Or email PittstonFairHousingContest@gmail.com

AWARDS:

\$75 1st Prize, \$50 2nd Prize, \$25 3rd Prize

Essay Published on City Website, Photo, Newspaper Article

What is Fair Housing? The Fair Housing Act (FHA) was passed by Congress in April 1968. The FHA guarantees everyone the right to rent or buy housing on a fair and equal basis.

Who Does the Law Protect? The FHA protects all of us from housing discrimination. The FHA protects us against discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religious beliefs, sex, family status or disability.

