

2018 POSTER CONTEST  
 "Celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
 Fair Housing Act"



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 Age 9 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
 Our Lady Star of the Sea  
 Teacher: Ms. Quade



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 Age 13 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
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 Teacher: Miss Guthr



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 Age 16 - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
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Fair Housing Art & Essay  
 Contest Reception



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## 2018 Essay Contest - "What My Home Means to Me"

My home means the world to me. A house is just some bricks but a home is a family making memories. Also, a house is just a place where you sit but a home is a place where you cuddle and snuggle with your family. A house is just a boring place but a home is a place with games and fun. A home is a place where you have holidays. On Christmas morning my brother and I try to find the Christmas pickle and open the first gift. A house is where you don't make memories but a home is all about memories. A house is only you but a home is one brother and two parents. My mommy makes a pancake feast and my daddy makes his famous grilled cheese. My brother Connor plays video games with me. There are thousands of families with homes out there but my family and home mean the most to me.

*Carley Greenwell, 1st Place St. Mary's County  
Father Andrew White School, Teacher: Ms. Johnson*

In a house there are just bars and beams. In my home there are hopes and dreams. My home means everything to me. I can remember when I first learned to play War and Parcheesi and I loved it! In my home we also make the best food like spaghetti and meatballs. My dad tells the best bed time stories. My brother is the funniest. What we all have in common is that we all love each other so much. When we have Christmas we all share our toys. My mom gives me the best hugs and kisses. Home is where the family is and that's where I want to be because my family is the best! I don't know how I'd be without my family and home. I love them more than anything and no one can change that!

*Grace Robusto, 2nd Place St. Mary's County  
Father Andrew White School, Teacher: Ms. Johnson*

My home is special to me because my home is the place I grew up in and made good memories. I had my birthday parties there. That is where I taught my birds to sit on my shoulder. My home is very cozy, comforting, and cheerful. My home is loving, caring and happy. It is a place to lay my head and rest.

*Meredith Vincent, 1st Place Charles County  
St. Mary's Bryantown, Teacher: Mrs. Gardner*

My home has shelter for my family. I love my family and my family's house. We take good care of it. Sometimes my brother and I wreck, but we get it fixed. We have everything we need there. I think we have three stories. My home has a lot of space so we can store a lot of stuff for the holidays. My home is very messy, but I still love it. I love my home so much.

*DeLonte' Cox, 2nd Place Charles County  
St. Mary's Bryantown, Teacher: Mrs. Gardner*

My home makes me think of my family. My home is full of joy. Some people do not have a home so I am very thankful. My home is very warm and cozy. In my home we have a money jar and we put a dollar in each week. When I think of home it makes me happy, I think of love, peace and joy. I have two sisters, their names are Emma and Alyana. I have five people in my home: my mom, my sisters, my stepdad and me. The reason why I did not mention my dad is because he passed away. Sometimes I think of all the people that have a dad, but God blessed me with a good family and home.

*Madison H., 1st Place Calvert County  
Our Lady Star of the Sea School, Teacher: Ms. Quade*

Home is where I feel safe and comfortable. Home is where I feel the most loved. Home is where I get the most hugs and kisses. Home is where I can cuddle with my animals. Home is where I can get quiet time when needed. Home is where memories are made. Home is where family comes together. Home is where you enjoy Holiday dinners. Home is where we get the best meals. Home is where I make mistakes. Home is where I learn life lessons. Home is where I get the best advice. Home is where I get the most encouragement. Home is where I get the best sleep. Home is where my heart is. I thank God everyday for a place to call home.

*Kaleb Smith, 2nd Place Calvert County  
Our Lady Star of the Sea School, Teacher: Ms. Quade*