

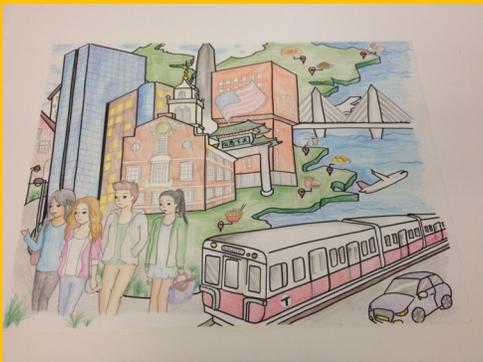


### Key Dates for 2016 Art Contest

**Submission Period: November 20th 2015 to February 28th 2016**

**Voting Period: March 1st 2016 to April 1st 2016**

**Contest Celebration: April 2016**



1st place Middle School Winner: **Winnie Mei**, of Edwards Middle School.

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## Fair Housing Art Contest Information Guide 2016



Winners from 2015 Art Contest.

## What is the Mayor Walsh's Fair Housing Art Contest?

The Fair Housing Art Contest is an annual competition which celebrates the signing of the Fair Housing Act. The purpose of this contest is to foster a better sense of understanding, acceptance and appreciation for the diversity in our neighborhoods, and throughout our communities.

The contest will help educate youth of Boston that under federal, state, and local laws all residents of Boston should have equal access to housing regardless of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, familial status, disability, ancestry, sexual orientation, age, and gender identity/expression.

The contest incorporates themes of civil rights and equal opportunity in housing. Youth will also learn how fair housing protects their families. Before familial status protection was added to federal laws, over 50% of landlords in the United States refused to rent to families with children.



Honorable Mention from Art Contest 2014  
**Oumar Sarr**, Another Course to College '14

## Highlights from Last Year's Contest

- Total of **200 applicants** City-wide
- Participation from **over 60 schools**
- Art contest received more funding for more prizes
- Art Contest was covered by Neighborhood network television

## Art Contest 2016

- The theme for the Mayor's Walsh's **3rd Annual Fair Housing Art Contest** is **"Together We Build Our Neighborhood"**
- **This year we are adding video submissions to the contest!**

## Rules and Regulations

- \*The contest is open to **ALL** students that live in the City of Boston grades 1-12.
  - **\*Submissions must depict theme "Together We Build Our Neighborhood"**
- \***Posters:** Must be 11"x17" – can use paint, water colors, color pencils, markers, etc.
- \***Paintings:** Must be on 16"x20" canvas or 11"x17" poster paper- can use any choice of paint .
- \***Collages:** Can't be larger than 22x28".
- \***Group Submissions ONLY ALLOWED FOR VIDEO SUBMISSIONS!**

## Video Submissions

Videos may be presented in whatever type, style or genre that the entrant wishes, and should reflect the youth's thoughts, experiences, and opinions surrounding the theme.

Each applicant (individual or team- up to 3 members) is restricted to only one video submission.

Each submittal must be no longer than 60 seconds, including at least 2 seconds of an end title graphic.

Please upload finalized video to YouTube and include link to video in the written portion of the submission.

The end product must include the following logos:

- Office of Fair Housing and Equity
- Federal Equal Opportunity
- The City of Boston
- The Greater Boston Real Estate.

**For a copy of the logos, email [FHArtContest@boston.gov](mailto:FHArtContest@boston.gov)**

\*A submission may not contain offensive, sexually explicit, disparaging or other inappropriate content and may not defame or otherwise violate the rights, copyrights, trademarks, or rights of publicity, privacy, or reputation of any third party. A submission may not contain any material to promote sale of a product or service.

For more submission requirements and to upload art work, please visit [www.boston.gov/fairhousing](http://www.boston.gov/fairhousing).

## Prizes

This year's prizes include iPad mini, tablets, Visa Gift Cards, and more!

