

# Fair Housing and You!

Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of the  
Federal Fair Housing Act



## Art Contest for Kids K-5

**Submissions Due by April 24, 2018**

**Prizes for one winner in each grade level**

A display of winning entries will be at Freeport Public Library  
Monday, April 30<sup>rd</sup> through Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018.  
An award ceremony will be on April 26 @ 6:30 pm.

Presented by:

**Prairie State Legal Services  
HomeStart**



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## The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Federal Fair Housing Act – Art Contest Guidelines

In honor of the passage of the Federal Fair Housing Act in 1968, Prairie State Legal Services and HomeStart are conducting an art contest for children K-5.

Students K-5 are encouraged to look through this packet with their parents and discuss the short lesson about the federal Fair Housing Act and what it means to you, your family and the community.

### Guidelines:

- Child must be in K-5 (Homeschoolers welcome as well).
- Live within the City of Freeport
- The entry must be submitted on an 8 ½ X 11 piece of paper.
- Children can use any media of their choosing: Crayons, colored pencils, etc....

To enter, drop or mail submissions to the following locations:

HomeStart  
Attn: Cassidy Kraimer  
27 W Stephenson St.  
Freeport IL 61032 (M-F 8:30 to 5:00)  
(mail or drop-in location)

Winning entries will be on display at Freeport Public Library from Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, May 6, 2018. Award ceremony will be on April, 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm and one prize will be awarded to each grade level.



## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Federal Fair Housing Act Art Contest 2018

Deadline: Wednesday, April 24, 2018

Mailed entries must be postmarked by the 20<sup>th</sup>!

### Timeline:

April 20, 2018	Mailed entries must be postmarked by this date.
April 24, 2018	Drop in entry deadline. See pg. 2 for drop-in locations.
April 30, 2018	Award Ceremony and Art Show, Thursday, April, 30, 2018 @ 6:30pm Location: Freeport Public Library (Awards will be given to art contest winners, all participants and families welcome!)



### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Federal Fair Housing Act Drawing Contest Permission and Registration

Student's Name	
Grade:	
Address:	
Parent's Name:	
Phone:	
Email Address:	
Parent's Signature:	

(All entries become the property of Prairie State Legal Services and HomeStart may be used to promote fair housing in our community.)

## **A short lesson:**

### **What does fair housing mean?**

**Fair housing means your family is free to choose where you live!**

**Fair housing laws make it against the law for anyone to discriminate against your family in selling you a house or renting you an apartment on the basis of your race, color, religion, gender, disability, family status (families with children), or national origin.**



### **What is Housing Discrimination?**

**DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING is when someone tells your family they can't rent the apartment or buy the house because they have children.**

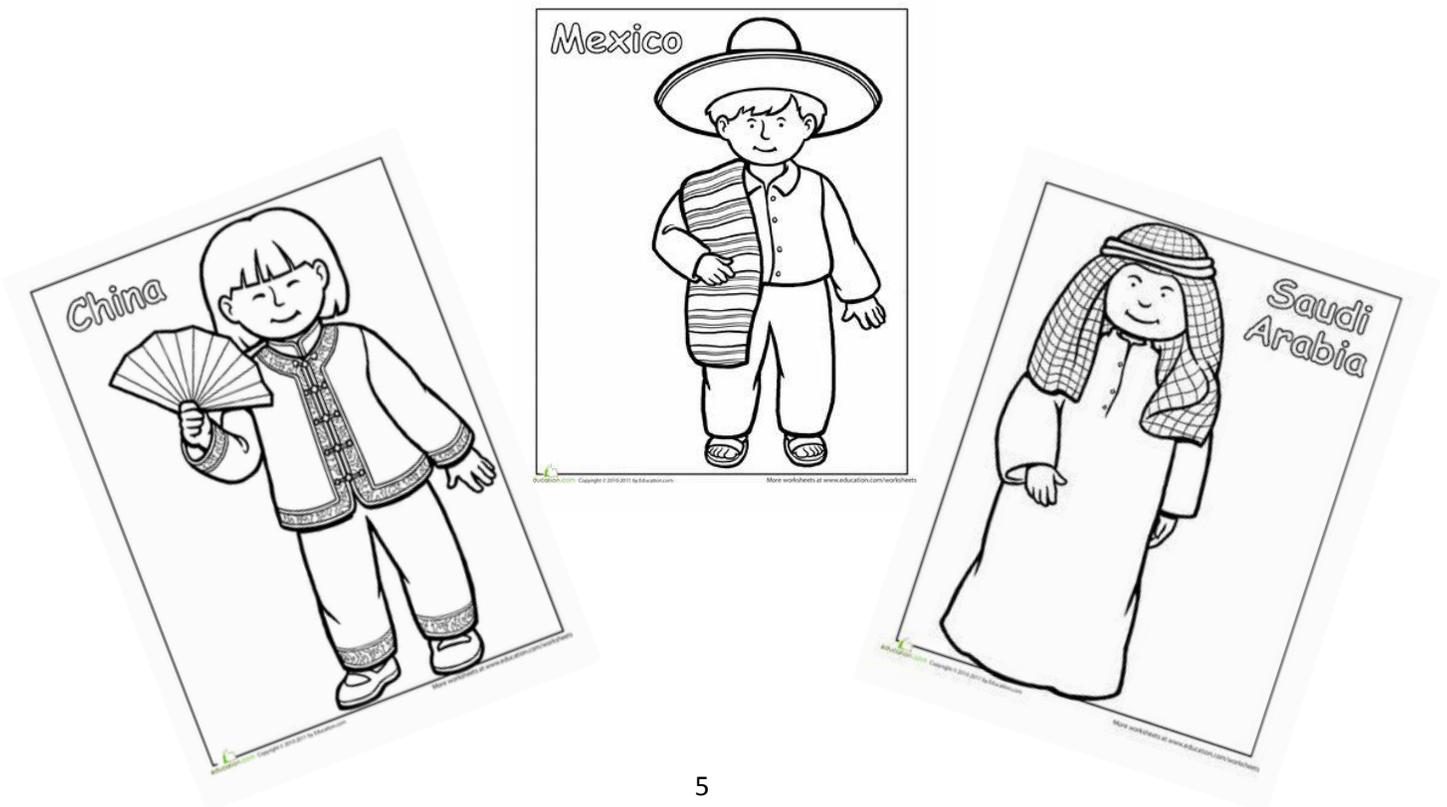


## What is Housing Discrimination?

**DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING** is when people are treated differently because of something they can't change. One example of something you can't change is the color of your skin.



Another example of something you can't change is your national origin, which means the country you were born in.



## What is Housing Discrimination?

**DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING** is when a person with a disability can't get into an apartment or enjoy its full use because of things like steps or steep slopes.



## The Federal Fair Housing Act

The Federal Fair Housing Act was adopted by congress, on April 11, 1963, just 7 days after the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Congress passed the Fair Housing Act, saying that discrimination in housing is against the law. President Lyndon Johnson signed the bill into law on April 11, 1968.

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the Federal Fair Housing Act!



## Here are some things you can do to help promote fair housing:

- Set a good example by treating all people alike.
- Be a good neighbor! Volunteer in your community.
- Make a friend in school who might be a little different from you.
- Learn about the people who live in your neighborhood and about where you and others are from.
- Start or join a stop-bullying campaign at your school.
- At lunch, sit with someone you have not sat with before.
- What else can you do? \_\_\_\_\_

### Parents:

April marks 50 years of the federal Fair Housing Act. The Fair Housing Act is one of the most important laws in America because where you live impacts all areas of your life including:

- Access to living wage jobs
- Access to quality food and healthcare
- Access to high performing schools
- Access to safe lenders

When you are denied an integrated community your life can be impacted in many ways including:

- Raising your chances of becoming incarcerated
- Decreasing your income
- Decreasing the chances your child will attend college.

Fair housing benefits everyone! Fair housing:

- Strengthens communities
- Strengthens business and the economy
- Strengthens families.

The Fair Housing Act is a powerful tool for expanding housing and housing opportunity. Prairie State Legal Service, HomeStart and the City of Freeport are dedicated in assisting the community and its residents with enforcing the Federal Fair Housing Act and making an inclusive community.

# Art Contest Submission Page!

Think of where you live or play and imagine someone different from you moved in nearby.

How would you welcome your new neighbor?

A large rectangular area defined by a thick dashed black line, intended for drawing or illustrating the answer to the question above.