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## Be Thankful for the Joy Created by 2023 NAHMA Drug-Free Kids Calendars

*Alexandria, Va., Nov. 23, 2022* — Place an order for the 2023 National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) Drug-Free Kids calendars before Thanksgiving's food coma sets in. Download the [order form](#) and send it in today. The calendars are so affordable you can gift them to residents, colleagues, friends, and family. They cost \$5.50 each, which is a Department of Housing and Urban Development and U.S. Department of Agriculture allowable project expense. There is a small shipping and handling fee for each calendar.

The calendars feature outstanding original artwork by children, seniors, and adults with special needs living in affordable multifamily housing. The underlying message for the annual calendar contest is always a drug-free theme. Still, the association wanted to open the door for more avenues of expression, so a subtheme is incorporated into the poster contest. This year's subtheme is *Healthy Is Happy: Nutrition and Fitness Propel Us Forward*.

New this year, the calendar features a QR code—which can be scanned using the camera on your smart device—that takes you to a [Calendar of Observances](#) to be more inclusive. The Calendar of Observances features a diverse listing of religious observations and national and international holidays searchable by month. The calendar's individual pages feature the observed federal holidays as determined by the United States Office of Personnel Management.

Esme Fordjour, a ninth grader from Worcester, Mass., has been named the grand prizewinner in NAHMA's annual AHMA Drug-Free Kids poster and art contest. The talented artist's creation will appear on NAHMA's 2023 calendar cover. Esme, 14, also receives an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for a future NAHMA Biannual Top Issues in Affordable Housing conference, as well as a scholarship of \$2,500 from the NAHMA Educational Foundation.

Typically, the contest draws hundreds of participants nationwide. Each winner of the NAHMA contest receives a \$1,000 educational scholarship from the NAHMA Educational Foundation. All winners are also featured in the 2023 calendar.

Additionally, participants in the annual art contests held by the local Affordable Housing Management Associations (AHMAs) are eligible to be selected as Regional AHMA Art Contest Honorable Mentions. Those chosen for this distinction are featured in a special section of the 2023 NAHMA Drug-Free Kids Calendar and receive a \$100 educational scholarship.

For the contest, the artwork is divided into categories with winners selected from each of the following: kindergarten-first grade, second-third grade, fourth-sixth grade, seventh-ninth grade, and 10th-12th grade, and finally, seniors and residents with special needs. Only students are eligible for the grand prize.

The complete list of winners and a sneak preview of their artwork can be found on the [Current Winners](#) webpage under the Awards & Contests tab.

NAHMA is the leading voice for affordable housing management, advocating on behalf of multifamily property managers and owners whose mission is to provide quality affordable housing. NAHMA supports legislative and regulatory policy that promotes the development and preservation of decent and safe affordable housing, is a vital resource for technical education and information and fosters strategic relations between government and industry. NAHMA's membership represents 75% affordable housing industry, and includes its most distinguished multifamily owners and management companies. Visit [www.nahma.org](http://www.nahma.org) for more information.

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