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## Make Time To Enjoy the NAHMA 2024 Drug-Free Calendar

*Alexandria, Va., Nov. 29, 2023* — To quote Ferris Bueller, “Life moves pretty fast. If you don’t stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.” Therefore, make some time to enjoy the collection of amazing artwork in the 2024 NAHMA Drug-Free Kids Calendars. They make excellent staff or resident appreciation gifts. The calendars sell out each year. Get your order in before they are all gone. Avoid shipping delays by downloading the [order form](#) and sending it in today. The calendar cost is \$5.50 each, which is a Department of Housing and Urban Development and U.S. Department of Agriculture allowable project expense.

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 was incorporated into the poster contest. This year’s subtheme is People Helping People: Promote Acts of Kindness.

It also contains 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.

Haneen Ames, an 11th grader from Toms River, N.J., 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 2024 calendar cover. Haneen, 16, also received an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the NAHMA Biannual Top Issues in Affordable Housing conference and a scholarship of \$2,500 from the NAHMA Educational Foundation.

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 on the NAHMA website.

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 2024 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 2024 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.

NAHMA is the leading voice for the affordable housing management industry, promoting developing, managing and preserving quality affordable multifamily housing. NAHMA advocates for legislative and regulatory policy and provides affordable housing professionals with the knowledge to advance excellence in the communities they serve. NAHMA's membership represents 75% of the 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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