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## **Treat Yourself and Colleagues to 2025 NAHMA Drug-Free Kids Calendars**

*Alexandria, Va., Oct. 29, 2024* — Just days from Halloween, the National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) is offering a treat with no tricks involved. All you need to do is submit your order for 2025 NAHMA Drug-Free Kids Calendars before the busy holiday season kicks into high gear. Order your calendars by downloading and returning the [2025 Calendar Order Form](#) to NAHMA today.

The calendars make great appreciation gifts for residents and staff, so keep extras on hand. The cost is \$5.50 each, which is an allowable project expense for the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The calendars feature original artwork by children, senior residents 55 years or older, and residents with special needs who live in an affordable multifamily housing community of a NAHMA- or an AHMA-member company submitted to the NAHMA's annual AHMA Drug-Free Kids poster and art contest. The underlying message for the national competition 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. The subtheme for this year is Dig Into a New Day: Our World Is a Garden of Delights.

The calendar also contains a QR code—which can be scanned using the camera on a smart device—that links 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 that are searchable by month. The calendar's individual pages feature the observed federal holidays determined by the United States Office of Personnel Management.

Lily Morway, a 10th grader from Worcester, Mass., is the grand prizewinner in the national contest. Her creation appears on the cover of NAHMA's 2025 calendar. Lily, 16, also receives an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for a NAHMA Biannual Top Issues in Affordable Housing conference and a scholarship of \$2,500 from the NAHMA Educational Foundation.

The annual contest consists of the local AHMAs selecting winning posters from their art competitions, which are then sent to NAHMA for consideration in the national contest. Each national winner of the NAHMA contest receives a \$1,000 educational scholarship from the NAHMA Educational Foundation. All winners are also featured in the 2025 NAHMA Drug-Free Kids Calendar. Only students are eligible for the grand prize.

Furthermore, participants in the annual art contests held by the local AHMAs are eligible to be selected as Regional AHMA Art Contest Honorable Mentions. Those chosen for this distinction are featured in a special calendar section and receive a \$100 scholarship check.

The original grand prizewinning artwork will be sold in connection with the Educational Foundation's fundraising gala on Oct. 24, with the proceeds supporting the foundation's scholarship program.

A complete list of this year's national program [winners](#) is available on the NAHMA website.

#### **About NAHMA**

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.

#### **About the NAHMA Educational Foundation**

The NAHMA Educational Foundation is organized and operated exclusively as a Section 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Founded in October 1994, the NAHMA Educational Foundation works to assist residents of federally subsidized housing as they strive to enhance their lives, job opportunities and children's futures. Its mission is also to enhance the livability and standing of communities managed by NAHMA member companies nationwide. For more information, visit [www.nahma.org/about/educational-foundation](http://www.nahma.org/about/educational-foundation).

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