

# Meaning of Home



## National writing contest in support of Habitat for Humanity Canada

**Your students' short entry (50-300 words) could make a big difference for your community!**

The **Meaning of Home** contest is back for its 16th year on January 9<sup>th</sup>! The contest invites Grades 4, 5 and 6 students from across Canada to submit a written poem or essay explaining what home means to them. Since 2007, over 90,000 students have participated in the Meaning of Home contest, raising over \$2 million to help build homes for families in need of decent and affordable housing.

For **every contest entry** submitted \$10 will be donated to your local Habitat for Humanity. There are also 12 prizes to be won thanks to our founding sponsor Sagen™<sup>1</sup>, award sponsors Urban Systems Foundation, Home Trust, and Face to Face Games, and our judging sponsors Travelers Canada and Hunter Douglas.

This contest would not be possible without our founding sponsor Sagen who has volunteered hundreds of hours across Canada to support the Meaning of Home Contest through judging entries, worked in collaboration to develop marketing/entry materials, as well as continuing to fund multiple aspects of the program with dedicated relationship managers.

### **Grand prize winner** (three total, one per grade) - **\$30,000**

Each grand prize winner will receive a \$30,000 grant generously donated by our sponsors for their local Habitat. Additional prizes include an iPad and class pizza party.

### **Three Runner-up prizes** (nine total, three per grade) - **\$10,000**

Each runner-up winner will receive a \$10,000 grant generously donated by our sponsors for their local Habitat. Additional prizes include a Samsung tablet and class pizza party.

The Meaning of Home contest offers a unique and meaningful way to get students involved in the creative writing process. The goal is to teach students about the importance of giving back to the community and foster their active participation as world citizens. Register at [meaningofhome.ca](http://meaningofhome.ca) and download our toolkit to access resources for online or at-home learning. The toolkit can help you meet curriculum criteria in the area of Language/Language Arts. Some of the curriculum requirements that can be addressed through the assignment include:

- Producing an original piece of work that encourages independent critical thought.
- Organizing ideas and writing for an intended purpose or audience.
- Writing to express thinking and communicate personal opinions.
- Developing proper grammar, spelling and punctuation.
- Fostering proofreading, editing and revision skills.

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## Key dates:

October 4, 2022 to December 31, 2022	Teachers can sign up on <a href="https://meaningofhome.ca">meaningofhome.ca</a> to receive regular contest updates
January 9 to February 24, 2023	Contest is open for submissions
February 27 to April 30, 2023	Entries judged
May 2023	Winners are announced

## What's inside your toolkit:

Now that you have signed up, you can download the digital Education Module found on [meaningofhome.ca](https://meaningofhome.ca). We've provided everything you need to get your students involved in the Meaning of Home contest. This toolkit includes:

- A classroom module including writing tips and social studies-aligned information on affordable homeownership.
- A word search to help engage students.
- A poster for display in your classroom, library, cafeteria, or other community spaces, or to share with your network, friends, and family.

We are very grateful for your students' participation in the Meaning of Home contest. You can submit their entry online at [meaningofhome.ca](https://meaningofhome.ca), or you can download and print a submission form that can be mailed in or emailed to [MOHentries@habitat.ca](mailto:MOHentries@habitat.ca). To access submission forms (online and mail), contest rules or to submit your child's entry, visit [meaningofhome.ca](https://meaningofhome.ca).

Many thanks for your support!

Habitat for Humanity Halton-Mississauga-Dufferin

## Founding Sponsor



## Award Sponsors



## Judging Sponsors



No purchase necessary. Contest valid from January 9 to February 24, 2023. There are 12 prizes available to be won with a total approximate retail value of \$5,366.91 CAD. Odds of winning a prize depend upon the number and score of eligible entries received. Correctly answering a time-limited, mathematical skill-testing question required. Open to all legal residents of Canada who are grade 4, 5, and 6 students. Limit one entry per entry person. For complete contest rules see [meaningofhome.ca/rules](https://meaningofhome.ca/rules).