

# 2007 Neighborhood Networks Week Essay Contest Entry Form

Essay Title

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Your Name and Age

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Name of Neighborhood Networks Center

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Address of Neighborhood Networks Center

Street

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City, State and ZIP

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Telephone Number of  
Neighborhood Networks Center

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Name of Center Director

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*Delivering Technology Access to  
America's Communities*



Neighborhood Networks Week  
June 25–30, 2007



## Neighborhood Networks Week Essay Contest *Share Your Story*

Neighborhood Networks:  
Connecting Residents to Opportunities

Entries Deadline  
April 13th, 2007



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Room 6124  
Washington, DC 20410-6000  
Official Business  
Penalty for Private Use \$300  
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HUD  
Permit No. G-795

# Share Your Story

Neighborhood Networks Connecting Residents to Opportunities

## Neighborhood Networks Week Essay Contest

Everybody has a story that is waiting to be told—and Neighborhood Networks wants to hear each and every one of them. Once again, Neighborhood Networks invites center users of all ages to participate in the Neighborhood Networks Week Essay Contest—and tell their story like no one else can.

Essays must answer a single question, “How has my Neighborhood Networks center connected me to opportunities?” Contest participants must describe how getting involved in their center’s programs and activities has opened doors to more opportunities, such as academic success, employment prospects, and technology access. Participants may also highlight how center staff members have worked to provide more opportunities for them and/or the community.

### Who Can Participate

Anyone who is a resident of a HUD FHA insured or assisted multifamily housing property and participates in the programs and activities of their local Neighborhood Networks center is eligible to submit an entry. Awards will be given in four age categories. These age categories and their word requirements are:

- ◆ Children (6 to 12 years of age): 75 to 250 words
- ◆ Youth (13 to 17 years of age): 300 to 600 words
- ◆ Adults (18 to 64 years of age): 600 to 1,000 words
- ◆ Seniors (65 and older): 600 to 1,000 words

### How to Submit Entries

So that all entries may be judged fairly, the following guidelines must be followed:

- ◆ All entries must be typed on 8.5-inch by 11-inch paper and be accompanied by an entry form (attached).
- ◆ Entries must be received by April 13, 2007 and may be submitted by mail to Neighborhood Networks Week Essay Contest, 8403 Colesville Road, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Entries may also be faxed to (301) 589-2493 (Attn: Neighborhood Networks Week Essay Contest), or submitted via e-mail to: [kstevenson@NeighborhoodNetworks.org](mailto:kstevenson@NeighborhoodNetworks.org).

### Entries will be disqualified if they:

- ◆ Do not answer, “How has my Neighborhood Networks center connected me to opportunities?”
- ◆ Are postmarked later than April 13, 2007.
- ◆ Are plagiarized—that is, use someone else’s statements or ideas as if they were one’s own.

### How Winners Are Selected

Essays will be judged on originality, creativity, emotional effect, and clarity by a panel of judges composed of Neighborhood Networks center staff members, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) staff members, and other Neighborhood Networks stakeholders. First-, second-, and third-place winners will be awarded in each age category.

### What Winners Receive

One essay will be chosen as the overall winner, and the winning essay will be read at the Neighborhood Networks National Training Conference in Washington, D.C. in August 2007. First-place essays in each category will be printed and distributed to all centers for Neighborhood Networks Week, to be held June 25–30, 2007.

Essays of first-, second-, and third-place winners will be posted on the Neighborhood Networks Web site ([www.NeighborhoodNetworks.org](http://www.NeighborhoodNetworks.org)). All entrants will receive a certificate of participation.

*Everyone has a story.  
Tell us yours.*

