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Local students urged to 'Be a Hero' for housing

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High school students across Halton are once again being asked to advocate for affordable housing in the region.

For the third consecutive year, Halton Region will hold its 'Be a Hero. Be a Voice for Affordable Housing' contest. The contest invites high school students in the region to use their artistic or technological talents to express why Halton needs more affordable housing. Students can develop an entry using their choice of format, including video, design, song or poetry.

Last year, Grade 10 and 12 students in the Technological Design class at Acton High School took home the top prize after submitting architectural plans for a fully accessible, affordable townhouse complex. The submission included construction blueprints, 'green' conservation and self-efficiency features for heating and plumbing, and even details of exterior and interior finishes.

Prizes this year include \$1,000 for the winner, \$500 for the runner-up and four \$100 third-place prizes. Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony November 18 at the Burlington Convention Centre.

Submissions are due by 4 p.m. October 30. Contest details and submissions from the first two contest winners can be found at www.halton.ca/beahero.

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