

**Bennington County Habitat for Humanity
Model Home Building Contest for Students
Judging Criteria/Rubric**

Category	Definition	Low Score	Medium Score	High Score
Judging Guidelines for All Categories				
Originality/Creative Thinking	Level of creativity used when thinking of the house the participants wanted to build; not the actual construction of the house	Not much thought put into the house even in a creative sense	Average thought of house design with rooms that serve a purpose	Innovative, original ideas that were outside of the box and very unique
Use of Materials	Level of different materials used in a creative way on the house.	Minimal use of materials, not much creativity on how to make things unique	Materials are used in thoughtful way but standard in terms of their purpose	Many different materials used in creative ways to accomplish textures, colors, and thoughtful design
Design/Construction	Level of construction completion and abstract design that was accomplished.	Minimal effort of design and construction of the house	The structure has basic built pieces in the structure such as walls	House has additions, a unique shape that is supporting weight, and/ or multiple hand constructed pieces of additional elements
Independent Work/Preparedness	Level of the participants obvious independent work on their home and their ability to speak to their design.	Very last minute construction or home was obviously built with over 80% assistance from a parent	Student was able to speak to their home but weren't able to give additional information to how or why they have elements in their home	Student has obviously put many hours of time and effort into their home and can speak to every element within the house.
Special Judging Guidelines for Age Based Categories				
K-4	Emphasis on Home	Model home does not look or feel like a home, simply 4 walls	This model may be well made, however there are no or minimal distinctions making this look like a home	A large amount of effort was made in the design and construction of this model home, showing that the model is a home and why
5-8	Emphasis on Functionality	Model home has little to no thought regarding the layout of the home and it's functionality	This model has a good design, however the design, while a clear effort may be shown, does little to reflect functionality	A large amount of effort has culminated in a model home that is efficient in it's design, and the student is able to explain how and why that is the case
9-12	Emphasis on Sustainability	Model home is not sustainable in design or in practice. (Fossil fuel reliance, not insulated, etc)	This may be a great model home, however the house is average or below average regarding sustainability compared to the current market of new construction homes	This model is sustainable in every way, from materials used, to energy consumption, and the model itself is made from sustainable materials
Special Judging Guidelines for Additional Awards				
<i>These are optional, no participant is required to meet any or all of the following criteria</i>				
Sustainability	In what ways the model home reflects current sustainability initiatives, and how the home uses technology (or lack thereof) to be a "green" and sustainable home	The home relies heavily on fossil fuels and little to no work has been done to show how the model home is meant to be sustainable	Sustainable materials are used, and an average amount of effort has been shown regarding the efficiency of the home	Model home displays sustainable materials and the model home itself is built from sustainable materials, the house focuses on renewable energy, and shows understanding of up to date technologies
Artistic Creativity	This is the difference between their model home and all the rest, what makes it unique and truly a work of art	The model home is simple, unoriginal, and lacking any details	The model home is original and unique, however an average or below average effort was made regarding the visual impact	Between a high level of originality, and great attention to detail, it is hard to call this model home anything short of "a work of art"
Habitat Spirit	How does this home reflect the values and practices of Habitat for Humanity?	The model home may be of excellent quality, but in it's lavish style does not reflect any values of Habitat for Humanity	The home displays a few key points that suggest it belongs in a Habitat for Humanity competition, such as size or color choice	This model could be the next design for a Habitat for Humanity house, and it would fit right in. Between pricing, sizing, functionality, and decor, it exemplifies every definition of "a Habitat Home"
TBD	<i>More awards *may* be announced before the competition date</i>			