

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ESSAY CONTEST

Theme: *In His Footsteps...The Dream Today*

Building upon Dr. King's passion and leadership, this theme offers students a chance to creatively express ways to work together to generate opportunities to better themselves and society as a whole. Students should reflect on Dr. King's legacy of service and explore how the Dream has evolved but remains relevant today.

Who May Apply? All 4-12th grade students are eligible to participate in the essay contest.

Requirements:

- Participants must be enrolled in a Kentucky school.
- The essay should be inspired by a Dr. King moment or speech and how it has influenced the student's thoughts on the theme: *In His Footsteps...The Dream Today*
- Entries must be **500 words or less** on standard 8-1/2" x 11" white paper with 1" margins, double spaced, and in no creative font (Arial and or/New Times Roman are recommended).
- Videos, films, drawings, etc. will not be accepted.

All writing entries will be judged on the criteria listed in the Kentucky Writing Scoring Rubric: **purpose, awareness of audience, idea development, organization** (sentence structure and transitions), **language** and **correctness**.

Awards: Each winner will receive a plaque for competing in this year's contest.

Note: First, second and third place winners will be selected in categories for elementary (4th -5th grades), middle and high school.

Deadline: Entries **must be received** (not postmarked) in the Governor's Office of Minority Empowerment no later than close of business on **Friday, November 21, 2014**.

How to Submit Entries: Students should mail or deliver entries to:

MLK Essay Contest – 2015
700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 138
Frankfort, KY 40601

Information to include with entries:

- Student's name, address and grade level
- Parent's name and home phone number
- School district, school name and school telephone number
- Teacher's name and email address

If you have any questions, please contact the Governor's Office of Minority Empowerment at 502-564-2611 or visit www.ome.ky.gov.

Please feel free to use the following website link to the Kentucky Civil Rights Database provided by the Kentucky Historical Society and the Kentucky Oral History Commission as an additional resource.

http://205.204.134.47/civil_rights_mvt/default.aspx

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Mailing Address: _____

City and Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

Teacher's Email: _____

School Name: _____

School District: _____

School Phone Number: _____