



2018-2019 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Essay Contest

**"Our lives begin to end the day we become
silent about things that matter"**

Essay Question: Write an essay describing a time when you spoke up for that which was right. Tell us about your experience and how it relates to the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

CONTEST RULES

- Must be a Howard County middle school or high school students.
- Essays must be typed, double spaced in the Microsoft Word format.
- Include the student's name, address, telephone number, email address, name of school and grade.
- Essays must be submitted individually.
- Middle school essays must be 500 to 750 words.
- High school essays must be 750 to 1000 words.
- Essays will be judged on content that best depicts this year's theme, connection to Dr. King's work, spelling, grammar and sentence structure.
- Students with disabilities may submit entries using other media; posters, pictures, etc.

PRIZES

- High School Students: 1st place-\$250 2nd place-\$200 3rd place-\$150.
- Middle School Students: 1st place-\$200 2nd place-\$150 3rd place-\$100.
- Prizes will be awarded at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday celebration on Sunday, January 20, 2019, 2:00 PM at Howard High School, 8700 Old Annapolis Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21043.
- Winners will be notified via email and phone.

DEADLINE

Essays must be mailed or submitted electronically by 5:00 PM, Friday, December 7, 2018 to:
submissionsmlk@howardcountymd.gov.

or mail to : Office of Human Rights, ATTN: Dr.MLK, Jr. Holiday Commission,
9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 237, Columbia, MD 21046.

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email: *fsheik@howardcountymd.gov.*