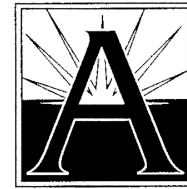


2018 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Literary & Visual Arts Contest



The Man Behind the Dream

Most of us know about Dr. Martin Luther King's dream, but how much do we know about the man behind the dream? This year's Literary and Visual Arts Contest is an opportunity to explore Dr. King's roots and life to make connections with Dr. King to your own life.

Each grade level group is being given a different time in Dr. King's life to examine and to connect to the student's own life and experiences. Using your grade level's prompt, describe in writing or through visual art how you can relate Dr. King's life to your own life.

K-2: On January 15, 1929, a baby boy was born to a young Baptist pastor and his school teacher wife. This child was special from the beginning. Martin loved people and he loved learning.

How do you show your love for people in your life (friends, family members and other people you know) and for the things you enjoy learning? OR what do your friends and family members do that show that they love you?

3-5: The King family members were active in the civil rights movement and they were not afraid to take a stand for what they believed was right. Martin's parents taught him to follow his conscience and to fight for what he believed in.

How have the people in your life inspired you to take a stand and to fight for what you believe in?

6-8: In 1955, Rosa Parks, a seamstress in Montgomery, Alabama, challenged the segregation law by refusing to give up her seat on the bus to a white man. Inspired by her actions, a group of citizens banded together to protest and challenge the law and elected 26-year-old Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. as their spokesman. Thus, the Montgomery Bus Boycott began and it propelled Dr. King into the national spotlight as spokesman for the civil rights movement.

Have you ever challenged the 'status quo' in your community or school? What law or rule do you think is not just, and what steps have you taken or would you like to take to try to change that law or rule?

9-12: Dr. King became known across the country for his oratory skills and his commitment to the philosophy of non-violent resistance. Rooted in the teachings of Mahātmā Ghandī, King was committed to achieving social change through non-violent methods. Some of his methods included marches, sit-ins and other types of peaceful protests.

What peaceful protests have you seen or participated in? Why do you think peaceful protests are more effective than violent ones? How could you use non-violent resistance to change something in the world today?



ELIGIBILITY

- You must be a resident of Arlington County or enrolled in Arlington Public Schools.
- You must be in grades Kindergarten through 12.
- Writing and poetry entries may be submitted electronically to mlkentries@apsva.us

AWARDS

- 3 awards will be given in four grade level groups:
 - Grades K, 1 and 2
 - Grades 3, 4, 5
 - Grades 6, 7, 8
 - Grades 9, 10, 11, 12
- Each grade level group will have two first place winners, one for each category:
 - * **Literary Arts Achievement** (Writing or Poetry)
 - * **Visual Arts Achievement**
- Winners will be announced on Fri, Dec. 22, 2017.

ENTRY FORM LABEL

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Arlington, VA Zip Code: _____

Home Phone Number: (703) _____

Age: _____ Gender: _____

School Attending: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Daytime Phone Number: _____

Please check your submission type below:

Literary Arts: Writing _____ Poetry _____ Visual Arts _____

DEADLINE
All Entries are Due
by
5 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 15, 2017

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CATEGORIES & RULES

WRITING

- Elementary (K-5) contest entries must be a minimum of 25 words but not more than 150 words.
- Middle School (6-8) entries must be a minimum of 150 words but not more than 250 words.
- High School (9-12) entries must be a minimum of 250 words but not more than 350 words.
- All entries **must** be typed or printed on an 8 ½ x 11” white piece of paper.
- **Do not** put your name on the essay; instead attach your essay to this form and **email it to mlkentries@apsva.us or deliver it to any of the locations listed below.**

POETRY

- Poems must be your original unpublished work.
- All entries **must** be typed or printed on an 8 ½ x 11” white piece of paper.
- **Do not** put your name on the poem, instead attach your poem to this form and **email it to mlkentries@apsva.us or deliver it to one of the locations listed below**

VISUAL

- Artwork can be produced in any medium and can be 2D or 3D
- **Do not** put your name on the art, instead attach this form to your artwork and **deliver it to one of the locations listed below.**

Where do I drop off my entry form?

Entries may be submitted online via email at mlkentries@apsva.us or dropped off at the following Recreation Centers and the Arlington Education Center:

APS (Education Center)

1426 N. Quincy St. (Room 106)
703-228-2581

Langston-Brown Community Center

2121 N. Culpepper St
703-228-5210

Barcroft Sports and Fitness Ctr.

4200 S. Four Mile Run
703-228-0701

Thomas Jefferson Community Center

3501 S. 2nd St.
703-228-5920

Drew Community Center

3500 S. 24th Street
703-228-5725

Walter Reed Community Center

2909 S. 16th Street
703 228-0935

Gunston Community Center

2700 S. Lang Street
703-228-6980

For more information:

Please contact Dawn Smith, Communications Coordinator at 703-228-2581 or at mlkentries@apsva.us
Download entry forms from www.apsva.us/mlk-contest/

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Contest winners will be announced on Fri, Dec. 22, 2017. “Winners will have the opportunity to participate in the 49th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute event on Sunday, January 14, at Wakefield High School. Winners will be contacted directly regarding participation details.”
Students will also be recognized at the School Board meeting on Thu, Jan. 19, 2018.

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