



Essay Contest
2020 6th-8th Grade Students
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- Topic: "I live my life as a reflection of Dr. King's dream by....."
- Participants: The contest is open to all middle school students (grades 6-8) in the Tulsa area.
- Essay Length: 350 – 500 words
- Words must be counted and noted on the title page
 - Dates count as one word
 - Information on the title page is not counted in word count
 - Entries should be typed
 - Entries must be double-spaced
- Title Page: The title page must include the essay title, contestant's full name, grade, school, sponsoring teacher (if applicable), phone number and email address of parent, and number of words in the essay.
- Cash Awards:
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| 1 st Place: | \$250.00 | 4 th Place: | \$175.00 |
| 2 nd Place: | \$225.00 | 5 th Place: | \$150.00 |
| 3 rd Place: | \$200.00 | | |
- Criteria for Judging: An example of the rubric used by judges is on Page 2.
- Note to Teachers: All entries will be accepted for consideration. However, schools MUST identify the five essays they consider their best. Previous 1st place winners are ineligible to enter.
- Entry Deadline: Tuesday, November 30, 2020
- Send to: MLK Essay Contest
Attn: Dr. Joyce McClellan and Chris Payne
P.O. Box 14025
Tulsa, OK 74159-1025
- Entries may also be emailed to payne.chris@unionps.org.
- Call Joyce McClellan at 918-828-5003 or Chris Payne at 918-357-6016 with questions.





Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest

“I live my life as a reflection of Dr. King’s dream by.....”

Student’s Name _____ Grade _____ School _____

Judging Criteria

<p>I. Contents (1-50 pts.)</p> <p>A. Essay shows originality and creativity.</p> <p>B. Essay clearly expresses the main idea.</p> <p>C. Essay includes facts, examples, reasons, or specific details to support and elaborate on the main idea.</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>II. Organization (1-25 pts.)</p> <p>A. Paragraphs show logical development.</p> <p>B. Paragraphs contain varied sentence structure and appropriate transitions.</p> <p>C. Paragraphs show unity of ideas and expression.</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>III. Mechanics (1-25 pts.)</p> <p>A. Mechanical and grammatical errors do not distract from the essay’s main idea or content.</p> <p>B. Word count does not exceed 500 words.</p> <p>C. Essay is typed and doubled spaced.</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

Total Points _____

Comments: _____

Judge

