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2024

NEW JERSEY

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Commemorative Commission Presents

Looking Back at Dr. King's 1964 Nobel Peace Prize Speech

MLK SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY COMPETITION

MLK24 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION ENTRY FORM QUESTIONS:

FOR REFERENCE ONLY, ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA FORM: <https://forms.office.com/g/J20xuG1WAF>
Contest open to NJ residents who are current high school seniors. Only 1 entry per student. Funds disbursed to college/university/trade school.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. APPLICANT LAST NAME
2. APPLICANT FIRST NAME
3. APPLICANT HIGH SCHOOL
4. APPLICANT HOME COUNTY
5. APPLICANT AGE as of today
6. APPLICANT is a NJ resident and currently in Grade 12
7. APPLICANT CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL
8. (only for Applicants answering NO to question 6)

APPLICANT ADULT GUARDIAN/PARENT/ADVISOR CONTACT INFORMATION

9. APPLICANT ADULT GUARDIAN/ADVISOR LAST NAME? (i.e. Gonzalez)
10. APPLICANT ADULT GUARDIAN/ADVISOR First name (i.e. Mary)
11. APPLICANT ADULT GUARDIAN/ADVISOR email
12. APPLICANT ADULT GUARDIAN/ADVISOR phone (i.e. 555-535-1212)

MLK24 ESSAY QUESTIONS

Write essay in a word processing program and copy/paste essay into the response blank below the question.

13. Essay Question 1.

How does the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. inspire you as you think about your future? (100-300 words)

14. Essay Question 2.

Please tell us about your service to others during your high school years. (100-300 words)

15. Essay Question 3:

Sixty years ago, in 1964, Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway, please reflect on these quotes from the speech and share your thoughts about their relevance to 2024. (100-300 words)

"I accept this award today with an abiding faith in America and an audacious faith in the future of mankind. ...I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality. ...I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture of their minds, and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits. ...I still believe that we shall overcome. This faith can give us courage to face the uncertainties of the future. It will give our tired feet new strength as we continue our forward stride toward the city of freedom."

DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 15TH 5PM

APPLY NOW <https://www.nj.gov/state/mlk.shtml>