



New Jersey The State of Opportunity

Inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to ensure all “children grow up in the sunlight of opportunity,” the Wealth Disparity Task Force is sponsoring an art contest for students K-12, with the winning pieces being featured in the next NJ Wealth Disparity Task Force report.

Theme

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King’s birthday and his work to advance economic opportunity for all Americans, this contest encourages students to revisit the life and words of Dr. King.

When speaking about economic injustice, Dr. King observed that there are two Americas. “One America ... is the habitat of millions of people who have food and material necessities for their bodies, culture and education for their minds, freedom, and human dignity for their spirits. In this America, children grow up in the sunlight of opportunity.”

Dr. King then identified another America, where people are “perishing on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity.”

Focusing on the promise of advancing opportunity in New Jersey, the NJ Wealth Disparity Task Force asks students to submit artwork depict New Jersey as the “State of Opportunity,” one of the abiding principles of the Murphy Administration.

Contest

- Participants may submit an original drawing, painting, or piece of digital artwork that follows the “New Jersey – The State of Opportunity” theme.
- Entries should be submitted in a high-resolution JPEG, PNG, or PDF format.
- One entry per participant
- Winners will be selected from each age category: Elementary I (Grades 1-3); Elementary II (Grades 4-6); Middle School (Grades 7-8); and High School (Grades 9-12).

Entry Deadline

February 24, 2023



Please scan this QR Code to submit artwork through this form. Additional information and detailed instructions are available on the contest entry form and on [NJ Wealth Disparity Task Force](#) website.