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NEW JERSEY

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Commemorative Commission Presents

Reflecting on the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott

MLK SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY COMPETITION

APPLY NOW!

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH 12PM

**Ten \$5,000 SCHOLARSHIPS will be offered
to New Jersey high school seniors.**

ABOUT SCHOLARSHIP

- The New Jersey Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission is proud to offer ten (10) scholarships to current high school seniors who are NJ residents in the amount of \$5,000 per student.
 - The scholarships will be awarded based on review of application by the independent reviewers appointed by the Commission.
 - Applications will only be accepted via online form.
 - Only one (1) entry per student.
 - Funds are disbursed directly to schools/institutions.
 - TIP: Write **all three essays** in word processing program, then copy and paste finished essays into application.
- **Applicants selected for final review will be asked to provide:
- Two (2) letters of reference from teachers, advisers, clergy and/or representatives of community-based service programs.
 - Official High School Transcript from 11th Grade.

QUESTIONS?

- Please email: MLKCommission@sos.nj.gov

ESSAY TOPICS

How does the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. inspire you as you think about your future?

(100 to 300 words)

Please tell us about your service to others during your high school years.

(100 to 300 words)

2025 is the 70th anniversary of the Montgomery Bus Boycott lead by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and inspired by an act of protest by Rosa Parks. In your own words; explain Rosa Parks' act of protest, its significance, and the impact it had on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement.

(100 to 300 words)

All applicants are required to answer all three essays to be considered.

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