

Volunteer NJ!



February 2025

Last Call for Nominations!!!



New Jersey State Governor's Volunteerism Awards

**Don't miss your chance to nominate
individuals, groups, or organizations for the
2025 NJ State Governor's Volunteerism Awards!
Nominations close March 1st.**


Each year one group or individual receives an award medallion and several groups and individuals receive certificates in each of the following awards categories:

Animal Welfare, Arts & Culture, Community Pillar, Corporate Leadership, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Champion For Justice, Education, Elected Officials Award, Emergency Services/First Responders, Environmental Stewardship, Executive Leadership Faith-Based Services, Feed The Hungry / House The Homeless Founders/Innovators, Good Neighbor, Healthcare Service, Lifetime Service, NJ National Service Programs Award, Service By/For Armed Service Members/Veterans/Military, Service Through STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering And Mathematics), Service To Youth, Volunteer Program/Group Volunteer Leadership, Youth In Service Youth Volunteer Program/Group

Nominate Today!

MLK Scholarship Deadline Approaches!




 Governor Phil Murphy
 Lt. Governor Tahesia Way

2025

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>

NJ Volunteer Opportunities

Dementia-Friendly Theater Volunteers

Admin Mailing Assist

School Service Club Volunteers Needed

General Volunteer Day - Cleanup/Organizing

Clean Ocean Action - Beach Sweep

Essentials For ALICE: Help Struggling Families

Be a Hero of Healing: Volunteer with Comfort Zone Camp!

Fundraising Guidance

Bergen County Youth Task Force

Tenafly Nature Center Boundary Walk

Dinner Servers

Spanish Speaking Homework Mentor

National Rebuilding Day

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GLOBAL VOLUNTEER MONTH



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The New Jersey Governor's Office of Volunteerism (NJGOV), operating within the New Jersey Department of State, supports NJ's 1.4 million volunteers with training and recognition while matching community needs in partnership with volunteer centers, disaster response organizations, business volunteers, schools, colleges, faith-based organizations and community organizations.

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