

The Portrait of Empowerment

2012 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Competition

**"DARKNESS CANNOT DRIVE OUT DARKNESS; ONLY LIGHT CAN DO THAT.
HATE CANNOT DRIVE OUT HATE; ONLY LOVE CAN DO THAT."**

– DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Young people who are inspired by Dr. King's vision of a society working together to improve the human condition are invited to enter the 2012 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Competition. Winners will receive a Scholarship and is expected to read their essay at the 2012 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "Spirit of Excellence" Award / Scholarship Gala on Saturday, March 17, 2012. Only ONE (1) Winner per category will be awarded.

Elementary Entries (3rd Graders – 5th Graders)

Topic: What would the United States be like if Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. did not exist?

Rules: Must be a minimum of (250 words) Essays must be typed in 12 point Times New Roman font.

Elementary Scholarship

1st Place Scholarship: \$200 • 2nd Place Scholarship: \$100 • 3rd Place Scholarship: \$75

Middle School Entries (6th Graders – 8th Graders)

Topic: What do you think Dr. King would think about the progress and current state of America if he were alive today and why?

Rules: Must be a minimum of (350 words) Essays must be typed in 12 point Times New Roman font.

Middle School Scholarship

1st Place Scholarship: \$300 • 2nd Place Scholarship: \$200 • 3rd Place Scholarship: \$100

High School Entries (9th Graders – 12th Graders)

Topic: How do you think equality has been impacted during your lifetime given the progress of the civil rights movement?

Rules: Must be a minimum of (500 words) Essays must be typed in 12 point Times New Roman font.

High School Scholarship

1st Place Scholarship: \$500 • 2nd Place Scholarship: \$250 • 3rd Place Scholarship: \$150

All entries must be postmarked and received no later than Friday, February 3, 2012 via US Mail.

Mail To:

The Portrait of Empowerment
Att: 2012 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Competition
780 Fisherman Street, Suite 328
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NO Submissions will be accepted through fax, email, or hand deliveries.

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