

**2020**

**Martin Luther King Jr.**

**Essay Contest**

**"When We Fight We Win"**

Each year in January we celebrate the life and the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He fought for the freedom, dignity, and equality of all races and peoples. Young writers who are inspired by Dr. King’s life and his vision of uniting people for the good of all are invited to enter the 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest. Students are asked to write their essay based on the following:

***Based your Essay on the following quote by Dr. King.***

***“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”***

**Guiding Questions**

Contest parameters include:

♣ Open to students in grades 6, 7, and 8.

♣ 450 word limit

♣ Essay must be typed

Official entry form must accompany essay

Judging criteria include:

♣ Content/Development: Addresses quotes, responds to two stated questions, organization,

evidence to support position

♣ Language & Mechanics: Sentence structure, word choice, grammar

Awards will be presented to students in each grade level from 6-8. Each grade level will compete for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes. Prizes are listed below:

♣ First place $100

♣ Second place $75

♣ Third place $50

All winners will be recognized at a time and place to be determined and will be notified well in advance. The first-place winners from each grade level will be asked to read his/her essay during the program.

Entry deadline is April 30, 2020 - All entries must be delivered or submitted electronically by 12 P.M. EST

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**MLK Essay Contest Entry Form**

**Student Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parents' Names\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Mailing Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**School\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Grade Level\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**I certify that this essay is my own work, based on my personal**

**study and/or research and that I have acknowledged all material and sources**

**used in its preparation.**

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**Signature Date**