

2015-2016 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest

Essay Question



"THE ULTIMATE MEASURE OF A MAN IS NOT WHERE HE STANDS IN MOMENTS OF COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE, BUT WHERE HE STANDS AT TIMES OF CHALLENGE AND CONTROVERSY."

Recall a time when Dr. King inspired you to conquer your fear and keep moving forward.

CONTEST RULES

- Must be Howard County residents and middle school or high school students.
- Essays must be typed and double-spaced
- Include the student's name, address, telephone number, email address, name of school and grade
- Essays must be submitted individually
- Winners will be notified by email
- Middle school essays must be 500 to 750 words
- High school essays must be 750 to 1,000 words
- Essays will be judged on content, connection to Dr. King's work, spelling, grammar and sentence structure
- Students with disabilities may submit entries using other media; posters, pictures, etc. include the student's name, address, telephone and school.

PRIZES

High School Students: 1st Place = \$300

2nd Place = \$250

3rd Place = \$200

Middle School Students: 1st Place = \$250

2nd Place = \$200

3rd Place = \$150

Prizes will be awarded at MLK Celebration, Sunday, 2:00 PM, January 17, 2016 @ Smith Theatre, Howard Community College

DEADLINE

Essays must be postmarked or delivered by **5:00 p.m. November 13, 2015** to MLK Student Essay Contest, c/o Howard County Office of Human Rights, **6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 239, Columbia, MD 21046** or email: SubmissionsMLK@howardcountymd.gov Winners' names and schools will be posted on the Howard County Martin Luther King, Jr. web page at www.howardcountymd.gov/mlkholidaycommission.htm. **Questions:** Mary Toth at the Office of Human Rights, 410.313.6467 or email: mtoth@howardcountymd.gov