

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR**  
**MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Sponsored by UTLA/AAEC

January 2018

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased that you are considering submitting an essay (high school or middle), a poem (middle or elementary) or artwork (elementary only) for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship.

This packet includes the application entry form and guidelines for your submission. Please read it carefully and fill out the necessary information before you submit it with your entry. All entries become the property of UTLA/AAEC. We are looking forward to your participation this year.

**Essays:** Must be an original work of the topics listed below. Please type four pages, double spaced. It must focus on one or more of the topics listed below.

**All entries must be typewritten, (12 pt. font is mandatory) and be accompanied by an entry form.**

**Poems:** Must be of original work of the topics listed below. Even though length will be considered in the contest, length and style will vary according to your own artistic form.

**All entries must be typewritten, (12 pt. font is mandatory) and be accompanied by an entry form.**

**Art Work: Elementary grades K-5 only.** Must be of original drawings, but may be inspired from other artwork. It must be no larger than 11 ½" by 14" and no smaller than 8 1/2" by 11". Other artwork in non-conventional (three dimensions) form are welcomed.

**All entries must be accompanied by an entry form.**

**Suggested Topics:**

1. How did Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life experiences contribute to improve the lives of people (especially African-Americans) educationally and economically?
2. Interview at least two people who were active during the lifetime of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Explain how their lives have been affected to see, "The Dream Redeemed" through former President Barack Obama.
3. Complete 8 hours of a community service activity and explain how it may have influenced you or reminded you of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Application forms and all entries must be post-marked by **Tuesday, March 20, 2018 or dropped off by 5:00 PM at United Teachers Los Angeles, 3303 Wilshire Blvd., 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90010**  
**c/o: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Committee, Attn.: Debbie Reid.**

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

**Please Check:** \_\_\_ELEMENTARY\_\_\_ MIDDLE SCHOOL\_\_\_ HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. changed race relations in America. His tireless efforts to end racial injustice through nonviolent means made him the soul of the Civil Rights Movement. He was a powerful voice for peace, justice, and change. Like so many who dare to confront society's evils, he died a martyr. It is our hope that his life be remembered through the dreams and achievements of young people.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Awards are given each spring to students from the Los Angeles Unified School District who desire to continue their education past their high school career.

## **Please Print**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

School

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name at least two community and/or extra-curricular activities or organizations that show that you are actively involved in helping to improve yourself and/or others. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Attach a **short** letter of recommendation from a teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

### **Numbers 3-4 completed by high school only:**

3. List three colleges/universities to which you have applied: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Name at least three of your post high school/higher education goals: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**When submitting your entry, each entry must be accompanied by a separate application form.**

### **Limit: 5 entries from the same classroom.**

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# Essay Writing Guidelines

Writing has the required number of pages (see instructions).....5 points

Writing is clear and understandable.....5 points

Writing supports main topic idea.....5 points

Writing submitted is (1) one of (5) five from the same classroom.....5 points

Recommendation Letter from LAUSD.....5 points

Total Points Earned \_\_\_\_\_

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**When you receive a letter that you are a winner do the following:**

- **Send a thank you letter c/o African American Education Committee or bring it to the Banquet.**
- **Be prepared to make a short statement on why you chose your selected topic.**