2013 Martin Luther King Celebration in Grand Prairie, Texas

Essay Contest

Submission Deadline: January 7, 2013

In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the MLK Planning Committee, consisting of City of Grand Prairie, Grand Prairie Chambers of Commerce, Grand Prairie Independent School District, NAACP Grand Prairie Branch, community, private, and government entities, is sponsoring an essay contest related to the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The theme will focus attention on the past, current, and future issues related to civil and human rights as experienced by Texans.

Grade Level	Theme	Word Count Required
A. Elementary	"Recognizing the value of the Dr. King Holiday"	150 words.
B. Middle School	"Promoting the ideas of Dr. King"	175 words
C. High School	How one of the four of Dr. King's speeches have or will personally impact someone in their family or community or themselves: • I Have A Dream, March on Washington, Last speech-Free at Last, Letter from Birmingham Jail	250 words
D. College (Freshmen only)	How one of the four of Dr. King's speeches have or will personally impact someone in their family or community or themselves: • I Have A Dream, March on Washington, Last speech-Free at Last, Letter from Birmingham Jail	500 words

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Entry: All schools are asked to distribute information about the contest in their bulletins, school announcements, and school newsletters. The contest begins December 7, 2012, and the final date to submit entries is **January 7, 2013**. All entries must be accompanied by an entry form (attached), with the following information provided for each entrant: name, grade level, address, home phone number, name of parent/guardian (if a minor), name and location of school and signature of instructor submitting the entry (if a minor). Contest entries must contain appropriate number of words.

Rules: The participant is asked to illustrate in writing, essays that relate to the appropriate theme below. Essays must be handwritten in ink or typed and free of spelling errors. We welcome home school participants in grade related categories below.

A. Elementary School theme is, "recognizing the value of the Dr. King Holiday." **Word Count: 150 words.**

B. **Middle School theme** is, "promoting the ideas of Dr. King." **Word Count: 175 words.**

C. High School theme will be about a famous Dr. King speech. Participants should select one of the four speeches listed below to write about and relate the speech to civil or human rights that have or will personally impact someone in their family or community or themselves: (I Have A Dream, March on Washington, Last speech-Free at Last and Letter from Birmingham Jail). **Word Count: 250 words**

D. College (Freshmen only) theme will be about a famous Dr. King speech. Participants should select one of the four speeches listed below to write about and relate the speech to civil or human rights that have or will personally impact someone in their family or community, or themselves: (I Have A Dream, March on Washington, Last speech-Free at Last and Letter from Birmingham Jail). **Word Count: 500 words**

Judging Criteria: There are two categories of composition:

- The material has to be original and will be judged on creativity and content.
- The MLK Selection sub-committee will receive the nominations and make recommendations for the final selections to the MLK Planning Committee.
- One winner from each academic group will be honored and recognized at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, which will take place at the David Daniels Academy on January 18, 2013 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.
- Winning essays from the contest will be on display at MLK Program and GPISD office buildings and may be used in public education and outreach around the city/state by the sponsors of the contest.

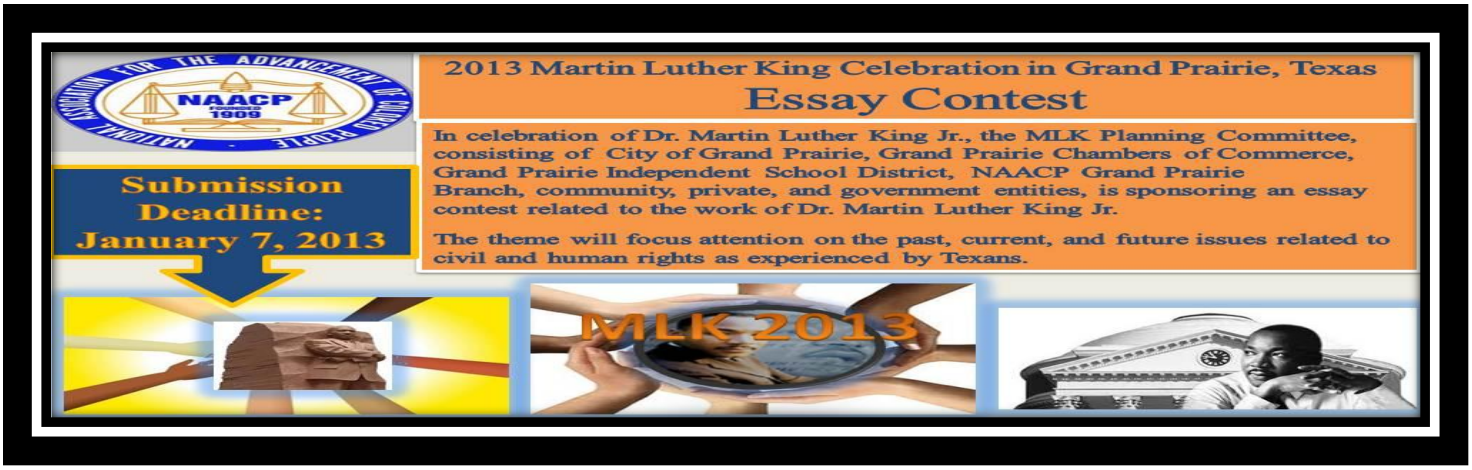
Awards will be made for each academic category: Elementary, Middle School, High School, and College (freshmen only). Material has to be original and will be judged on creativity and content.

Submission and Contact Information

MLK Planning Members may be contacted for further information or to arrange for a speaker to present information to a group or classroom. Our availability is made possible to enhance the educational opportunity associated with this project. Contact Angela Luckey 469-644-8209, if you have any question.

Submit Essay Entries to:

MLK Essay Presenters Sub-Committee
PO Box NAACP Grand Prairie 530973, Grand Prairie Texas 75050



2013 ENTRY FORM
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"Remember, Celebrate, Act: A Mission Still to Fulfill"

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Name (Please Print or Type)								
Address								
Grade Level		Elem.		MS		HS		College
School/Educational Institution	Name			Address				
Signature of Student							This confirms that this essay is your original work.	
Signature of parent/guardian								
Parent Contact Number								
Date of Submission				Number of words submitted				