

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Invitational

2020 Essay Contest

1st Place \$1,000

2nd Place \$750

3rd Place \$500

Winners will be formally recognized at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Invitational on January 20, 2020. More details at www.pilathletics.com



Essay Contest Rules

1. The 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. ESSAY CONTEST is open to High School seniors attending Portland schools or residing within Portland city limits. Scholarships to help defray the cost of college tuition and books will be awarded to winning essay writers.
2. Submission deadline:
5 p.m. Thursday, January 10, 2020
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Committee
PIL Foundation
501 N. Dixon St.
Portland, Oregon 97227
3. Theme: *Continuing the Dream: Moving Toward Unity, Justice, and Peace.*
4. One essay per student. Essays must be original, typed, and double-spaced, and must not exceed 1,500 words.
5. Cover sheet must contain student's name, school, home phone number, address, and email address. None of this information should be included in the body of the essay.
6. Essays will be judged on the basis of organization, content, voice, creativity, and grammatical structure.
7. You may also email your essay to the PIL Foundation: pilfoundation501@gmail.com

Potential Essay Prompts

1. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve as it relates to unity, justice, peace, and Dr. King's dream. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
2. Some students have a unique background, identity, interest, talent, or experience as it relates to race, social justice, and unity. If this sounds like you, please share your story.
3. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure as it relates to unity, justice, peace, and Dr. King's dream. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?

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ENTRY FORM Complete and firmly affix to the back of entry.

Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

School _____ Teacher _____

Home Address _____ Phone _____

Email Address _____ Alternate Phone _____