

2019 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay-Poster Contest

Rules and Information

Sponsors: Missouri National Education Association

Theme: "Honoring Dr. King: Looking Back and Moving Forward"

Eligibility: Students compete in five grade level categories: K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12

Process: The local Missouri NEA must host the initial contest and submit 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners, in any or all of the five grade level categories (**up to 15 entries per local association**). Schools may choose to hold their own contest to decide which entries will be submitted to the local association for judging.

Entries will only be accepted from the local MNEA affiliate.

Criteria: An essay accompanying each poster MUST meet all of the criteria listed below.

K-1: one-two complete sentences

6-8: at least four paragraphs

2-3: at least one paragraph

9-12: five or more paragraphs

4-5: at least two paragraphs

- The essay MUST be written/typed on a separate sheet of paper and taped to the back of the poster.
- Poster and essay MUST reference theme and Dr. King Jr.
- Use pencils, crayons, paints, markers or color pencils for posters.
- A completed entry form must be taped to each poster.
- Posters should not be larger than 12"x 18" on white paper.
- Poster lamination is optional.
- **COLLAGES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- **ESSAYS WITHOUT POSTERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- **POSTERS WITHOUT ESSAYS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- **COMPUTER GENERATED ART WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Deadline: All winning entries must be delivered to your local association by _____.

Prizes: Three winners will be determined in each grade level at the state level:
(up to 15 entries per local association)

1st Place: \$50 Gift Card

2nd Place: \$30 Gift Card

3rd Place: \$20 Gift Card

Teachers of student winners will receive a gift card.

Information: Local Association _____

Local Association Contact Person _____

Local Association Contact Person's Phone Number (_____) _____

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Judging Criteria

(A copy of the criteria should be shared with students.)

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Theme Development and Creativity

Theme: *"Honoring Dr. King: Looking Back and Moving Forward"*

The following may be used as a scoring guide when judging:

0	1	2	3	4	5
Low					High

- Do the essay and poster have a sense of originality and creativity?
- Do the essay and poster creatively develop the theme?
- Does the essay contain the writer's personal views and comments which support the theme?
- Do the essay and poster display good language skills: proper spelling, sentence structure, grammar, and punctuation?

Required Items

- **Completed** Entry Form
- Poster with essay taped to the back

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Information for Local Associations ONLY!

All entries must be *received in* the Missouri NEA headquarters office by
4:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 31, 2019

(Up to 15 entries per local Association)

Mail entries to:

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Attn: Jeanna Machon
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Visit www.mnea.org/Missouri/Contests1/28.aspx

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