

2021-2022 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay-Poster Contest

Rules and Information

Sponsors: Missouri National Education Association

Theme: *"Fulfilling Dr. King's Dream: Reading to Lead and Transform."*

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

Process: Your Missouri NEA local association 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 the theme and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- Use pencils, crayons, paints, markers or color pencils for posters.
- A completed entry form must be taped to each poster.
- **Posters should be on 11" x 17" 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 and certificate

2nd Place: \$30 gift card and certificate

3rd Place: \$20 gift card and certificate

Teachers of student winners will receive a \$25 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: *"Fulfilling Dr. King's Dream: Reading to Lead and Transform."*

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

0	1	2	3	4	5
Low					High

- Do the essay and poster convey 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 demonstrate good writing skills: proper spelling, sentence structure, grammar, and punctuation?

Required Items

- **Completed** entry form
- Poster with essay taped to the back

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Entry Form (Please print legibly)

Due Date for Judging: _____

To be determined by local association.

Grade Level Category (circle): **K-1** **2-3** **4-5** **6-8** **9-12**

Student's Name: _____

Student's Address: _____
(Street/P.O. Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Student's Phone#: (_____) _____ E-mail _____

Student's Signature: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names & Addresses: _____

School District: _____ School: _____

School Phone: _____

School Address: _____
(Street/P.O. Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Student's Teacher: _____

Teacher's Phone: (_____) _____ (_____) _____
School Home

Teacher's E-mail: _____ Teacher's Signature _____

Local Association: _____

Local Contact Person: _____

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

A copy of this COMPLETED entry form MUST be attached to each winning entry submitted for state level judging.

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Information for Local Associations ONLY!

All entries must be received in the Missouri NEA headquarters office
by January 15, 2022
(Up to 15 entries per local association)

Mail entries to:

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