



OHIO CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION 2015 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ART, WRITING, & MULTIMEDIA CONTEST

The Ohio Civil Rights Commission is pleased to announce its annual statewide Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art, Writing & Multimedia Contest. The purpose of this contest is to encourage students to reflect upon Dr. King's life, philosophy and the impact of his work in the Civil Rights Movement and in present day America. It will challenge students to think about how civil rights and diversity affects their lives and how they can continue the work of Dr. King by making a difference in their own communities.

All Ohio students in grades 6-12 are invited to enter this contest and may submit one (1) entry per student. Students may choose which type of entry they wish to submit. All contest entries must be accompanied by a clearly written official entry form completed in its entirety. (*Submissions will not be considered without a completed entry form*)

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Contest Entries: Having once identified the issue of racial prejudice as a "communication problem", Dr. King knew that clear, effective communication was a huge part of the solution.

"People fail to get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don't know each other; they don't know each other because they have not communicated with each other."

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

Think about one of your dreams. It may not be as big as Dr. King's, but if it matters to you, it is important enough to make a difference in someone else's life, too.

What are you doing or what will you do to communicate your dream(s) to your school/community, and build a legacy that will influence and inspire others to take similar action?

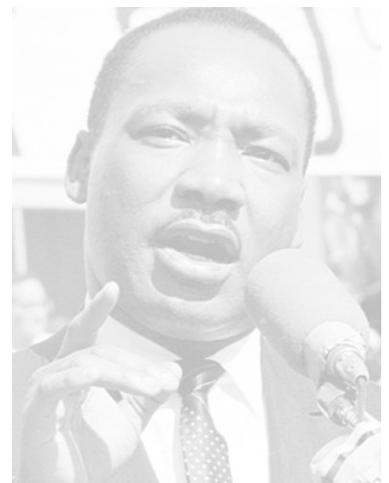
Awards: Contest winners will be invited to a recognition ceremony where they will be presented with awards for their work.

Questions? Call us at 888-278-7101 or 614-644-6755 or visit us online at: www.crc.ohio.gov.

Contest rules and entry forms available online at www.crc.ohio.gov

All entries should be submitted to the address below **no later than December 19, 2014 at 5:00 PM.**

Ohio Civil Rights Commission
c/o Office of Public Affairs—MLK 2015
30 E. Broad Street, 5th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215



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Official Entry Form

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

I am entering the *(check one box, of the following three choices)*:

- Poster contest
- Essay contest
- Multimedia contest

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Student Information

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Grade Level: 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 *(***please check one grade level)*

Student Name: _____

FIRST

LAST

Student E-Mail Address (if applicable): _____

Parent or Guardian Name: _____

FIRST

LAST

Parent or Guardian E-Mail Address (if applicable): _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: () _____

School Information

School Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Principal's Name: _____

FIRST

LAST

Teacher's Name: _____

FIRST

LAST

Teacher's email address: _____

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Please complete the entire form

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Art Contest

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In addition to drawing a picture to illustrate their idea, students must write a brief paragraph (on a separate piece of paper stapled to the back of the artwork) to explain their illustration.

- ◆ All entries must have dimensions of 12 inches by 18 inches
- ◆ Pencils, crayons, pens, markers, or paints may be used. *No chalk please!*
- ◆ No three-dimensional entries.
- ◆ Each student may submit only one entry, and each entry must be the original work of only one student.
- ◆ Each entry **must** be accompanied by an completed official contest entry form.
- ◆ All entry forms must be stapled to the back of the artwork.
- ◆ Name and grade must be on artwork and attached paper.
- ◆ Entries submitted after the deadline will not be considered in the competition. Entries will not be returned.

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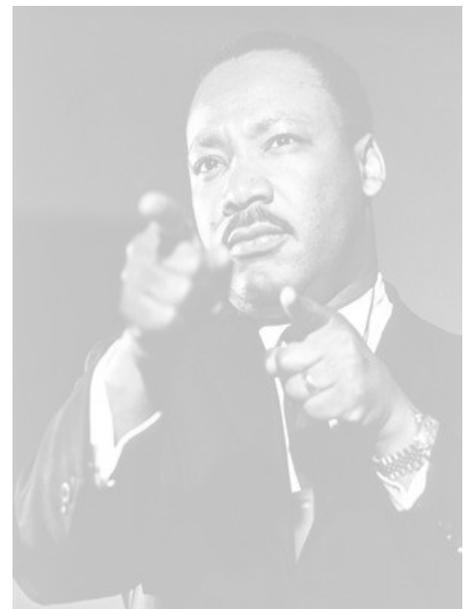
Originality

Idea that generated art (attached brief paragraph)

Relevancy to theme

Effective and creative expression

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Multimedia Contest

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- ◆ Submissions must be at least three and no more than six minutes.
- ◆ Submissions that malfunction or do not meet the time requirements will be disqualified.
- ◆ Each student, or group of students, may submit only one (1) entry.
- ◆ Each entry **must** be accompanied by a completed official contest entry form.
- ◆ Acceptable formats are DVD, CD-ROM, or PowerPoint (or similar computer program) presentations. Electronic files **MUST** be accessible/viewable through Microsoft Windows compatible programs.
- ◆ Submissions may be electronically submitted (along with an entry form to Johncie.Kanney@civ.ohio.gov)
- ◆ Entries that are deemed to infringe upon copyright protected material will be disqualified.
- ◆ Entries submitted after the deadline will not be considered in the competition and will not be returned.

Winners will be selected according to the following criteria:

Originality
Presentation
Relevancy to theme
Effective and creative expression

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Writing Contest

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- ◆ Essays may be typed or handwritten, but **MUST** be legible. Illegible essays will be disqualified. (no poems)
- ◆ Pages must be single-sided with the student's name appearing on the top left hand corner of each page.
- ◆ Each student may submit only one entry, and each entry must be the original work of only one student.
- ◆ Each entry **must** be accompanied by an official contest entry form. Stapled to the essay
- ◆ Essays may be electronically submitted (along with an entry form to Johncie.Kanney@civ.ohio.gov)
- ◆ Entries that are deemed by the OCRC to infringe upon copyright protected material will be disqualified.
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Winners will be selected according to the following criteria:

Originality

Grammar

Relevancy to theme

Effective and creative expression

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