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Dear Friends & Educators,

The Ohio Civil Rights Commission is pleased to announce our annual statewide 2008 Martin Luther King, Jr. Art, Writing & Multimedia Contest. The purpose of this contest is to enhance cultural awareness, empowerment, tolerance, and to honor and encourage leadership for a multi-cultural society. Through the example of major role models, such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., students creatively interpret these teachings through art, writing, and multimedia. We believe that it is important that the lessons and beliefs that affect students today will encourage them to be leaders for diversity for tomorrow.

What the students see at first as a “contest” is actually a youth leadership development program. The contest serves as a point of entry for the students and the work and thoughtfulness required to complete the project provides a learning and reflective experience. The winners will be honored by community and business leaders at an event that will take place during the month of January 2008 in the state’s Capitol. Further, their artwork, essays, and multimedia projects will be proudly displayed throughout the year.

In addition to our traditional art and essay contest, we are initiating a new challenge for high school students—multimedia. The use of multimedia in expression and presentation is a key skill in secondary education and business, giving high school students the opportunity hone this important skill for their future.

We have enclosed this year’s official rules and entry form for you to share with your students and children. We urge teachers and administrators to support and encourage their students to participate. One winner per grade level (3-12) will be selected and the contest entries must be submitted before November 15, 2007. Parents and school principals will be notified of winning entries. If you wish to be updated, please be sure to include your email address.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Office of Public Affairs & Civic Engagement toll free at 1-888-278-7101.

Sincerely,

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2008 Martin Luther King, Jr. Art, Writing & Multimedia Contest



The Ohio Civil Rights Commission is pleased to commence our annual statewide 2008 Martin Luther King, Jr. Art, Writing & Multimedia Contest. One student from each grade level will be recognized at a ceremony in January 2008 in Columbus, OH. Winning entries will displayed throughout the year.

Eligibility

All students in Ohio grades 3-12 are welcome to enter. In addition to our traditional art contest for grades 3-5 and essay contest for grades 6-8, we have initiated a new challenge for high school students—multimedia. The use of multimedia in expression and presentation is a key proficiency in secondary education and business, giving high school students the opportunity hone this important skill for their future.

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The purpose of this contest is to encourage children to reflect upon Dr. King's life and work, as well as the civil rights movement, and think about how civil rights and diversity affects their lives. In order to participate, students need to have an understanding of Dr. King and the civil rights movement struggle to extend civil rights to all people. They will also have to reflect upon what they can do in their own lives to continue his work to promote civil rights and diversity.

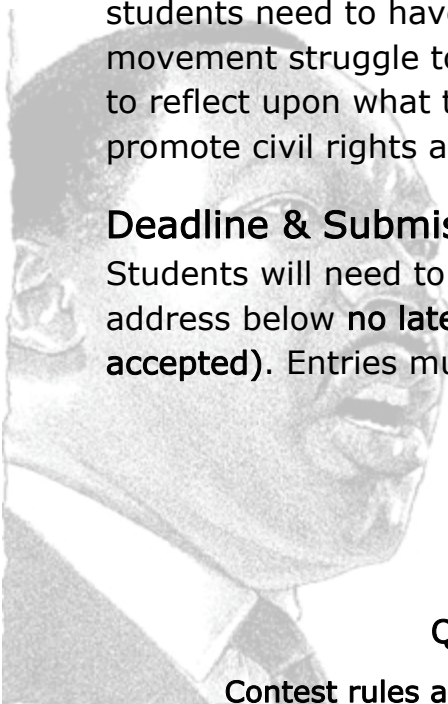
Deadline & Submission

Students will need to complete their projects and submit them to the address below **no later than November 15, 2007, 5:00 PM (Postmarks accepted)**. Entries must be submitted to:

The Ohio Civil Rights Commission
c/o PACE—MLK 2008
30 E. Broad Street, 5th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Questions? Call us at 888-278-7101

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





2008 Martin Luther King, Jr. Art, Writing & Multimedia Contest Official Contest Rules

Art Contest Grades 3, 4 and 5

Each student is invited to draw an image that expresses why “learning is the most vital element to freedom.” What is the importance of learning about peoples differences? In addition to drawing a picture to illustrate their idea, students must write a brief paragraph (on a separate piece of paper attached to the back of the artwork) explaining 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. Entries must not be laminated.
- No photographs may be used.
- Computer generated art is prohibited.
- 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.
- All entries submitted after the deadline will not be entered into the competition. ALL submitted entries shall become property of the OCRC and will not be returned.

Winners will be selected according to the following criteria:

Originality – 20%

Idea that generated art (attached brief paragraph)– 30%

Relevancy to theme – 30%

Effective expression – 20%

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Essay Contest Grades 6, 7 and 8

Each student is invited to submit one original essay, no more than 500 words, focused on why "learning is the most vital element to freedom." What did Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. mean by this statement and why is it important today? Can the student identify important modern day event(s) that depict the importance of this statement?

- Essays may be typed or handwritten, but any essay that is illegible and/or unduly long will be disqualified.
- Essays may NOT include photographs, images, illustrations, etc.
- Do NOT send binders, portfolios, or report covers.
- Pages must be single-sided and numbered, 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.
- Essays may be electronically submitted (along with an entry form to PACE@ocrc.state.oh.us)
- Entries that are deemed by the OCRC to infringe upon copyright protected material will be disqualified.
- All entries submitted after the deadline will not be entered into the competition. ALL submitted entries shall become property of the OCRC and will not be returned.

Winners will be selected according to the following criteria:

Originality – 20% Grammar – 30%

Relevancy to theme – 30%

Effective expression – 20%

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Multimedia Contest Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12

Each student is invited to submit one original VHS, DVD, CD-ROM or PowerPoint presentation that contains an original song, skit, video, photo montage (narrated or unnarrated), or public speech or focused on why "learning is the most vital element to freedom." What did Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. mean by this statement and why is it important today? Can the student identify important modern day event(s) that depict the importance of this statement?

- Submissions must last between three and six minutes.
- Submissions that malfunction or are too long will be disqualified.
- 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.
- Acceptable formats are VHS, DVD, CD-ROM. Electronic files should be accessible/viewable through Microsoft Windows compatible programs.
- Submissions may be electronically submitted (along with an entry form to PACE@ocrc.state.oh.us)
- Entries that are deemed by the OCRC to infringe upon copyright protected material will be disqualified.
- All entries submitted after the deadline will not be entered into the competition. ALL submitted entries will become property of the OCRC and will not be returned.

Winners will be selected according to the following criteria:

Originality – 20% Presentation – 30%

Relevancy to theme – 30%

Effective and creative expression – 20%

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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

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

- Poster contest (grades 3-5 only)
 Essay contest (grades 6-8 only)
 Multimedia contest (grades 9-12 only)

**DEADLINE FOR
SUBMISSION**
November 15, 2007

Student Information

Grade Level: 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Student Name: _____
FIRST LAST

Parent or Guardian Name: _____
FIRST LAST

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: () _____

School Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Principal's Name: _____
FIRST LAST

Teacher's Name: _____
FIRST LAST

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Teacher's email address: _____

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