Ohio Civil Rights Commission
2018 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art, Essay, & Multimedia Contest

The Ohio Civil Rights Commission is pleased to announce its annual statewide Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art, Essay & Multimedia Contest. This contest is intended to encourage students to reflect upon Dr. King's life, philosophy, and impact on the Civil Rights Movement and present day America. It is meant to challenge students to think about how civil rights and diversity affect their lives and how they can continue the work of Dr. King in their own way.

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.)

CONTEST THEME
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. studied many of the world’s great leaders and philosophers when framing his own beliefs. One of the most influential of those philosophers was Mahatma Gandhi, who Dr. King called, “the guiding light of [the] technique of nonviolent social change.” In 1959, Dr. King even travelled to India to walk in Gandhi’s footsteps and learn from Gandhi’s followers there. Dr. King and Gandhi shared the belief that love and peace are the best way to change the hearts and minds of the public. Both men understood that if they wanted to inspire their community to change, they had to make the same changes themselves. Gandhi said, “If we could change ourselves, the tendencies in the world would also change. As a man changes his own nature, so does the attitude of the world change towards him.” Dr. King lived this philosophy by practicing peaceful protests instead of trying to counter hatred and violence with more of the same.

 Contest Entries: Dr. King was inspired by Mahatma Gandhi’s message to be the change he wished to see in the world. Each participant in the art contest is invited to participate by creating an image that creatively responds to the following question:

What change have you made or will you make in yourself to make the world a better place?

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

Questions? Call us at 888-278-7101 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 postmarked to the address no later than: December 8, 2017 at 5:00 PM.

Ohio Civil Rights Commission
c/o Office of Public Affairs—MLK 2018
30 E. Broad Street, 5th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215
2018 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art, Essay, & Multimedia Contest Official Entry Form

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE
I am entering the (check one box, of the following three choices):

- Art contest
- Essay contest
- Multimedia contest

Student Information

Please print clearly

Grade Level: 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 (please check only 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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- In addition to creating a poster 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
- Each student may submit only one entry, and each entry must be the original work of only one student.
- Pencils, crayons, pens, markers, or paints may be used. No chalk please!
- No sculpture or three-dimensional entries.
- Each entry must be accompanied by a 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.

Winners will be selected according to the following criteria:
- Originality
- Idea that generated art (attached brief paragraph)
- Relevance to theme
- Effective and creative expression

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Contest Entries: Dr. King was inspired by Mahatma Gandhi’s message to be the change he wished to see in the world. Each participant in the multimedia contest is invited to participate by creating a multimedia project that creatively responds to the following question:

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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.
- Students may create and submit multimedia presentations as a group.
- Acceptable formats include DVD, CD-ROM, or PowerPoint (or similar computer program) presentations. Electronic files must be accessible/viewable through Microsoft Windows compatible programs.
- Entries that are deemed to infringe upon copyright protected material 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.
- Submissions and entry form may be submitted electronically to Mary.Turocy@civ.ohio.gov.
- Entries submitted after the deadline will not be considered in the competition
- Hard copies of entries will not be returned.

Winners will be selected according to the following criteria:

Originality
Presentation
Relevance to theme
Effective and creative expression

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Contest Entries: Dr. King was inspired by Mahatma Gandhi’s message to be the change he wished to see in the world. Each participant in the essay contest is invited to participate by writing an essay that creatively responds to the following question:

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- Entries must be prose; no poetry, please.
- Essays may be typed or handwritten, but must be legible. Illegible essays will be disqualified.
- 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 if hard copy is submitted)
- Essay submissions and entry forms may be electronically submitted to Mary.Turocy@civ.ohio.gov
- There is no maximum or minimum length, however essays tend to be 1-2 typed pages.
- Entries that are deemed by the OCRC to infringe upon copyright protected material will be disqualified.
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- Writing quality
- Relevance to theme
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