Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

**2020 Essay Contest**

In Honor of the birthday and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Sacramento Region’s MLK Celebration Committee and Sacramento County Office of Education are pleased to present the 7th annual MLK Essay Contest.

**2020 MLK Essay Contest Theme**

In 1957, Dr. King said to an audience in Montgomery, Alabama, “Life’s most persistent and urgent question: What are you doing for others?”

In your essay, please tell us what you are doing for others and why you believe what you are doing is important.

Essays will be judged on creativity, clarity, content, coherence and adherence to theme.

Winning essays will be published on the MLK Committee website and recognized as part of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Dinner on January 25, 2020 at Sacramento State University.

Open To Middle and High School Students Throughout Sacramento, Yolo, Placer, El Dorado, and Sutter Counties.

**Contest Rules**

- Winners will be chosen from middle and high school categories who attend school in Sacramento, Yolo, Placer, El Dorado and Sutter Counties.
- The essay must consist of no more than 300 words.
- Entries must be on 8½” x 11” white paper, double spaced and typed using a 12pt. font.
- Only one entry per student.
- All entries MUST include student’s name, grade level, full school name, school district, home address and contact phone number.

**Submission Deadline**

December 20, 2019

300 Word Limit

**Top three winners in each category win cash prizes.**

1st Place: $250
2nd Place: $150
3rd Place: $100

Submit Essays by

Friday, December 20, 2019 at 5 pm

Email Submission Preferred

Send as an attachment in MS WORD or PDF format to mlkessaycontestsac@gmail.com

US Mail

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