

# 2021 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Virtual Literary & Visual Arts Contest



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## Join students across Arlington County to Celebrate the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

### Topic:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a well-known civil rights activist who had a great deal of influence on American society. Dr. King popularized the notion of the "Beloved Community." The Beloved Community is a global vision in which all people can share in the wealth of the earth. In the Beloved Community, poverty, hunger and homelessness will not be tolerated. He envisioned the Beloved Community as a society based on justice, equal opportunity, and love of one's fellow human beings.

### Prompt: Literary Arts and Visual Arts

Describe in writing or through visual arts how you are contributing to your community and how individuals can make a difference through acts of kindness in the spirit of Dr. King's vision.

## CATEGORIES & RULES

### WRITING

- Elementary (K-5) contest entries must be a minimum of 25 words but not more than 150 words.
- Middle School (6-8) entries must be a minimum of 150 words but not more than 250 words.
- High School (9-12) entries must be a minimum of 250 words but not more than 350 words.
- All entries **must** be typed or printed on an 8 ½ x 11" white piece of paper.
- **Do not put your name on the essay; instead attach your essay to this form and mail or deliver it to any of the locations listed on the back of this form.**

### POETRY

- Poems must be your original unpublished work.
- All entries **must** be typed or printed on an 8 ½ x 11" white piece of paper.
- **Do not put your name on the poem, instead attach your poem to this form and mail or deliver it to the locations on the back of this form.**

### VISUAL

- Artwork can be produced in any medium and can be 2D or 3D.
- **Do not put your name on the art, instead attach this form to your artwork and mail or deliver it to the locations on the back of this form.**

## ENTRY FORM LABEL

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Arlington, VA Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check your submission type below: **Only check one.**

Literary Arts: Writing \_\_\_\_\_ Poetry \_\_\_\_\_ Visual Arts: \_\_\_\_\_



## ELIGIBILITY

- You must be a resident of Arlington County or enrolled in Arlington Public Schools.
- You must be in grades Kindergarten through 12.
- Writing and poetry entries may be submitted electronically to [mlkentries@apsva.us](mailto:mlkentries@apsva.us)

## AWARDS

- Each grade level group will have two first place winners (one winner for each category):
  - \* **Literary Arts Achievement** (Writing or Poetry)
  - \* **Visual Arts Achievement**
- Winners will be announced on Friday, January 8, 2021
- Winners will be invited to submit a home video describing their work and inspiration that will be part of Arlington County's annual MLK Tribute virtual program on Sun., Jan. 17.

## DEADLINE

**All Entries are due  
by 5 p.m.  
Wednesday, Dec 16, 2020**

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## Where do I drop off my entry form?

Entries may be submitted online via email at [mlkentries@apsva.us](mailto:mlkentries@apsva.us) or dropped off at any Arlington Public Schools front office and Arlington Public Schools Syphax Building.

### APS (Syphax Building - Welcome Center, 1st Floor)

2110 Washington Blvd.  
703-228-2581

### Elementary Schools

Abingdon  
Arlington Science Focus  
Arlington Traditional  
Ashlawn  
Barcroft  
Barrett  
Campbell  
Carlin Springs  
Claremont Immersion  
Discovery  
Drew  
Alice West Fleet  
Glebe  
Hoffman Boston  
Jamestown

Key Immersion  
Long Branch  
McKinley  
Montessori Public School of Arlington  
Nottingham  
Oakridge  
Randolph  
Taylor  
Tuckahoe

### Middle Schools

Dorothy Hamm  
Gunsston  
H-B Woodlawn  
Jefferson  
Kenmore  
Swanson  
Williamsburg

### High Schools/Other Programs

Arlington Career Center  
Arlington Community  
Langston  
New Directions  
Wakefield  
Washington-Liberty  
Yorktown

## Have you included the following on the entry form?

- ◆ Your Name
- ◆ Your Address
- ◆ Your Home Phone Number
- ◆ Your Age
- ◆ Your Grade Level
- ◆ Parent/Guardian Name
- ◆ Parent/Guardian Daytime Phone Number
- ◆ Your Gender
- ◆ Your School Name

Entry forms and submissions must be received by **5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2020**. Postmarks will not be accepted and late entries will not be considered.

## For more information:

Please contact Dawn Smith, Communications Coordinator at 703-228-2581 or at [mlkentries@apsva.us](mailto:mlkentries@apsva.us)  
Download entry forms from [www.apsva.us/mlkentryform](http://www.apsva.us/mlkentryform)

Contest winners will be announced on Friday, January 8, 2021. Winners will be recognized at the School Board meeting on Thu, Jan. 21, 2021.

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