

2022

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Literary & Visual Arts Contest

Join students across Arlington County to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led the struggle for equal economic, political, and social opportunities for all – a struggle that continues today. During Dr. King's March on Washington in 1963, activists, athletes, scholars, families and people of many different races and backgrounds came together to advocate for equality in their communities. His legacy lives on today and inspires many individuals to carry out his dream and make a difference in their communities.

PROMPT:

Incorporating a quote from Dr. King, describe in writing or through visual arts how you, as a student, can get involved, take a stand, and support Dr. King's mission and vision for equality; and/or inspire a more equitable, inclusive and peaceful Virginia.

ELIGIBILITY:

- You must be a resident of Arlington County or enrolled in APS.
- You must be in grade Kindergarten through 12.

CATEGORIES & RULES:

Writing

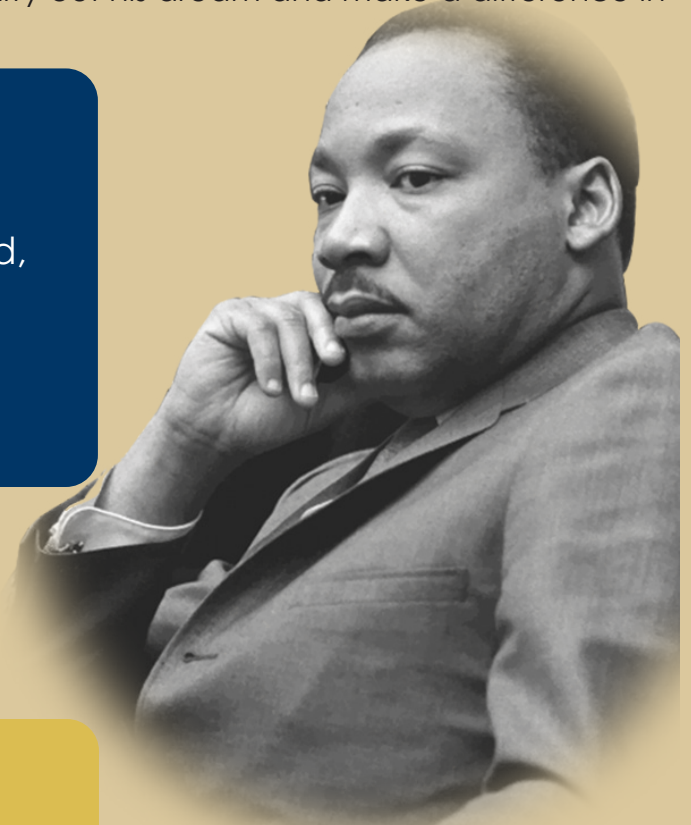
- Elementary (K-5) entries must be a minimum of 25 words but not more than 150 words.
- Middle School (6-8) entries must be a minimum of 150 words but not more than 250 words.
- High School (9-12) entries must be a minimum of 250 words but not more than 350 words
- All entries must be typed or printed on an 8 ½ x 11" white piece of paper.
- Do not put your name on the essay paper.

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- Poems must be your original unpublished work.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 paper.

Artwork

- Artwork can be produced in any medium, 2D or 3D.
- Do not put your name on the artwork itself. Instead, attach this form (next page) to your artwork and mail or deliver it to the locations on the back of this form.



**All entries are due by 5 p.m.
Thursday, Dec 16, 2021**

(See back for submission guidelines)

AWARDS:

- **2 awards will be given in each group:**
 - Grades K, 1 and 2
 - Grades 3, 4, 5
 - Grades 6, 7, 8
 - Grades 9, 10, 11, 12
- **Each group will have two first place winners and two runners up in each category: Literary Arts Achievement (Writing or Poetry) and Visual Arts Achievement**
- **Winners will be announced on Friday, January 7, 2022.**

SUBMISSIONS

- Email your entry to mlkentries@apsva.us; include the form information below, and the essay or poem as an attachment.

OR

- Drop off your entry with this form attached at one of the following APS locations.

APS Syphax Building - Welcome Center, 1st Floor 2210 Washington Blvd. 703-228-2581	Jefferson Community Center 3501 S. 2nd St. 703-228-5920	Barcroft Sports and Fitness Ctr. 4200 S. Four Mile Run 703-228-0701
Langston-Brown Community Center 2121 N. Culpeper St. 703-228-5210	Gunston Community Center 2700 S. Lang Street 703-228-6980	

ENTRY FORM INFORMATION:

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address: _____

Arlington, VA ZIP Code _____

Age _____ Grade _____

School _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number _____

Please select your submission type below:

Literary Arts: Writing

Literary Arts: Poetry

Visual Arts

Entry forms and submissions must be received by 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2021.
Postmarks will not be considered and late entries will not be accepted.

For more information:
Please contact Dawn Smith, Communications Coordinator, at
703-228-2581 or at mlkentries@apsva.us
Download entry forms from www.apsva.us/mlkentryform
Winners will be recognized in a video tribute at the School
Board meeting on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022.

