

ESSAYS AND ARTWORK SUBMITTED SHOULD REFLECT

- An understanding and appreciation of the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr (his life, achievements and aspirations)
- Clarity and originality of written and artistic expression; and
- Adherence to the theme.

THEME FOR 2016 “Renewing the Dream: Hope in Today’s Times”

LITERARY CONTEST (Students should work with their teachers on submission criteria)

- Students are encouraged to submit (email) electronic literary entries to human-rights.commission@montgomerycountymd.gov. Essays must be 150 words or less, in poetry or essay format. On a separate cover, please list the student’s name, school, grade, teacher’s name and teacher’s email.
- Please submit a maximum of three (entries) per school to the MLK Essay Contest, C/O Montgomery County Office of Human Rights, 21 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850. All entries must be received **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY DECEMBER 11, 2015.**
- Entries submitted by the schools will be scored by the Awards Committee at the Montgomery County Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Committee. The top three winners from throughout the County will be invited to read their essays and receive an award from the Montgomery County Executive Isaiah Leggett as part of the county-wide celebration on Monday, January 18, 2016.

VISUAL ARTS SHOW (Students should work with their teachers on submission criteria)

- Prints, posters, collages, murals, photographs and all other two-dimensional visual art forms are sought, and group projects are welcome. Artwork should be matted or mounted, and labeled with the student’s name, grade level, school name, and teacher’s names on the back of the work. Artwork must fit on one 70” (height) x 38” (width) panel for display. Certificates will be awarded to all student participants. All entries must be received by Mrs. Linda S. Adams, Supervisor, Pre-K-12 Fine Arts, MCPS, CESC, Room 256, 850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20850 **NO LATER THAN December 11, 2015.** Artwork will be exhibited on Monday, January 18, 2016, in connection with the Montgomery County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration, which will begin at 3:00 p.m. at the Strathmore Music Center, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda, Maryland 20852.
- All visual arts entries will be displayed at the Strathmore Music Hall before and after the program. All art teachers and students throughout the County are encouraged to attend the program which is FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
- Artwork will again be on display at the Montgomery County Executive Building, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, Maryland 20850 from January 19, 2016 through the end of February in celebration of Black History Month. All MCPC artwork will be returned to schools by the second week of March. Non-MCPS schools must be picked up their artwork by March 7, 2016 from the same MCPS drop off location listed above.