



The Montgomery County
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Committee
The City of Gaithersburg and The Gazette Newspapers
Invite all Montgomery County Elementary
Middle and High School Students
to participate in the 2014

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Literary Contest & Visual Arts Show

In Observance of Montgomery County, Maryland's
20th Anniversary Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**OPEN TO ALL Montgomery County Area Students
in Elementary, Middle and High School**



2014 Theme: "Honoring the Legacy: Celebrate, Serve, Remember"

Entry Deadline

Friday, December 6, 2013 at 5:00 pm



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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 2014 “Honoring the Legacy: Celebrate, Serve, Remember”

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 sheet please list the student’s name, school, grade, teacher’s name and teacher’s e-mail.
- Please submit a maximum of three (3) entries per school to the MLK Essay Contest, C/O Montgomery County Office of Human Rights, 21 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850.
- Entries submitted by the schools will be scored by the Awards Committee of 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 Montgomery County Executive Isaiah Leggett and The Gazette Newspapers as part of the County-wide celebration on Monday, January 20, 2014.
- Entries submitted from Gaithersburg area schools will also be entered into the City’s annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Literary Arts Contest. Those entries will also be judged by the City of Gaithersburg Educational Enrichment and Multicultural Affairs Committees for award consideration under the Gazette Newspapers/ City of Gaithersburg’s 23rd Annual MLK Literary Arts Award Program. Awardees will receive a certificate from the City presented at a Mayor and Council meeting and a monetary award from the Gazette Newspapers. Questions concerning this program should be directed to the City of Gaithersburg Community Services Division at 301-258-6395.

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 student name, grade level, school name, and please include the teacher’s name 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, Montgomery County Public Schools, CESC, Room 256, 850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20850 **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 6, 2013.** Artwork will be exhibited on Monday, January 20, 2014, 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 art 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 Office Building, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, Maryland 20850 from January 21 through the end of February in celebration of Black History Month. All artwork must be picked up by March 7, 2014 from the same MCPS drop off location listed above.