

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION
MINORITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ESSAY & POSTER
CONTEST RULES - October 2019

The Martin Luther King Essay and Poster contest is open to all Prince George's County Public School students in grades three through twelve (3rd-12th). A total of **three essays winner and three posters winner** will be selected. **Each 1st place winner will receive \$150.00. Each 2nd place winner will receive \$75.00. Each 3rd place winner will receive \$50.**

A total of twelve prizes will be given.

ESSAY CONTEST RULES

1. The essay must be at least 150 words but shall not exceed 250 words.
2. Entries must be typed and double-spaced.
3. Only one entry per student will be considered.
4. All contestants must write their essays on the following topic:
 - **How would Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. lead a civil rights movement to humanize the immigration crisis in the United States today?**
5. All entries become the property of the Prince George's County Educators' Association (PGCEA) including the right to reproduce them. Winners will be contacted by telephone or email.
6. All essay entries must include the attached entry form. Entry form can be found on the Prince George's County Education Association website (www.pgcea.org) or by calling 301-736-2700. Entries submitted without the required entry form will not be accepted.
7. The contest entry form must be signed by one of the following: ***Reading/English/Language Arts Teachers, Classroom Teacher, Reading Specialist, Professional School Counselor, or TAG Coordinator***
8. Winners are expected to read their essay at the celebration program.
9. Essays will be judged on originality of thought and clarity of message. They will be judged by members of the Minority Affairs Committee. Decision of the judges will be final.
10. All entries must be delivered to PGCEA. Entries must be ***postmarked no later than December 15, 2019***. Entries postmarked after ***December 15, 2019*** will not be accepted. Entries delivered by the PONY will not be accepted.

POSTER CONTEST RULES

1. All poster entries should be: 18"X 24".
2. Poster contestants must:
 - a. **Choose a Martin Luther King, Jr. quote to illustrate and bring to life. (The quote must be written on the poster).**
3. Only one entry per student will be considered.
4. All entries become the property of the Prince George's County Educators' Association (PGCEA) including the right to reproduce them. Winners will be contacted by telephone or email.
5. All ***poster*** must have the entry form attached to the back of their poster. Entry form can be found on the Prince George's County Education Association website (www.pgcea.org) or by calling 301-736-2700. Entries submitted without the required entry form will not be accepted.
6. The contest entry form must be signed by one of the following: ***Art Teacher, TAG Coordinator, Classroom Teacher, Professional School Counselor or Reading/Language Arts /English Teachers or Reading Specialists***
7. Winners are expected to explain the meaning behind their display poster.
8. ***Posters*** will be judged on creativity and originality. They will be judged by members of the Minority Affairs Committee. The decision of the judges will be final.
9. All entries must be delivered to PGCEA, Entries must be ***postmarked no later than December 15, 2019***. Entries postmarked after ***December 15, 2019*** will not be accepted. Entries delivered by the PONY will not be accepted.
10. Please deliver Poster entries as early as possible

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October 2019

PLEASE SELECT YOUR ENTRY. YOU MAY ONLY CHOOSE ONE.

☐ **ESSAY CONTEST**

☐ **POSTER CONTEST**

ESSAY TOPIC FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES THREE THROUGH TWELVE:

- **How would Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. lead a civil rights movement to humanize the immigration crisis in the United States today?**

POSTER TOPIC FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES THREE THROUGH TWELVE:

- **Choose a Martin Luther King, Jr. quote to illustrate and bring to life. (The quote must be written on the poster).**

Student's Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Number _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Parent's Email Address _____ Student's Email Address _____

Parent's Name and Signature _____

School Name _____ School Phone # _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

School Principal _____

This form must be signed by one of the following:

Classroom Teacher, English/Reading/Language Arts Teacher, Reading Specialist, Professional School Counselor or
Tag Coordinator

Signed by: _____ Title _____

All entries must be ***postmarked*** or ***delivered no later than December 15, 2019***. Photocopies of this form are acceptable. Mail or deliver entries to: **PGCEA, 8008 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, Maryland 20747**. **Deliver poster** entries to same address. **PONY delivered entries will not be accepted.** PGCEA Office Telephone: 301-736-2700; contact person: **Devin Nixon, dnixon@pgcea.org** or **Adrienne Parks, Aparks@pgcea.org**.

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MINORITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

October 9, 2018

Dear Classroom Teachers, English/Reading/Language Arts Teachers, Reading Specialists, Art Teachers, Professional School Counselors and Association Reps:

Prince George's County Educators' Association (PGCEA) is sponsoring an essay and poster contest to challenge students to increase their awareness of the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as they develop and sharpen their public speaking and artistic skills. **A total of twelve prizes will be given. Three 1st place prizes of \$150.00 will be awarded. Three 2nd place prizes of \$75.00 will be awarded. And Three 3rd place prizes of \$50 will be awarded** for outstanding essays and posters.

PGCEA requests your support in encouraging your students' participation in our contest. Winners will be recognized and awarded their **prizes** at **Kingsford Elementary School** during our annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration program on **Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 7 pm.**

Winners will be asked to read their essay or explain the meaning behind their display poster.

We appreciate your assistance and active support in promoting participation in this contest.

Sincerely,

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee

Olive Lennox, Minority Affairs Chairperson

Annett Jones, Minority Affairs Board Liaison

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Attachment: MLK, Jr Contest Entry Form and Rules