

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION
MINORITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
CONTEST RULES**

The Martin Luther King, Jr. 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 **nine essays winners** will be selected. The **1st place winner will receive \$200, 2nd place winner will receive \$100, and the 3rd place winner will receive \$75.**

ESSAY CONTEST RULES

1. All essays must be at least 150 words but shall not exceed 250 words. Entries must be typed, double-spaced and electronically submitted with the subject line: DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CONTEST ENTRY FORM; upon completion, please send to dnixon@pgcea.org.
2. Only one entry per student will be considered.
3. All contestants must write their essays on the following topic:
 - a. **Elementary Essay Topic:**
 - i. *Do you think Martin Luther King would support the Black Live Matters Movement? Why or why not?*
 - b. **Middle and High School Essay Topic:**
 - i. *What is our modern day civil right movement? Explain, why this movement is important.*
4. All entries become the property of the Prince George's County Educators' Association (PGCEA) including the right to reproduce them.
5. All essay entries must include the contest 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.
6. 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***
7. Winners will be expected to read their essay at the celebration program.
8. 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.
1. All entries must be emailed to PGCEA ***no later than December 15, 2021***. ***Entries submitted after December 15, 2021 will not be accepted.*** Entries delivered by PONY will not be accepted.
9. Winners will be contacted by telephone or email provided.

POSTER CONTEST RULES

2. To enter students will take a ***digital photo*** of their completed poster; send to dnixon@pgcea.org including contest entry form with the subject line: DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CONTEST ENTRY FORM
3. 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.**
4. All ***creative arts submissions*** must have the entry form attached to the email to be considered. Entry form can be found on the Prince George's County Education Association website (www.pgcea.org). Entries submitted without the required entry form will not be accepted.
5. Only one entry per student will be considered.
6. All entries become the property of the Prince George's County Educators' Association (PGCEA) including the right to reproduce them.
7. 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***
8. Winners will be expected to explain the ***creative*** meaning behind their poster.
9. ***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.
10. All entries must be emailed to dnixon@pgcea.org; contact@pgcea.org, ParksA@pgcea.org . Entries must be ***submitted no later than December 15, 2021***. Poster sent after ***December 15, 2021 or*** delivered by the PONY will not be accepted.
11. Winners will be contacted by telephone or email.

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CONTEST ENTRY FORM

October 24, 2021

ESSAY TOPIC FOR STUDENTS:

- Elementary Essay Topic:** Do you think Martin Luther King would support the Black Live Matters Movement? Why or why not?
- Middle and High School Essay Topic:** What is our modern day civil right movement? Explain, why this movement is important.

ESSAY CONTEST

POSTER/ART CONTEST

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 **electronically submitted no later than December 15, 2021.***

PGCEA Office Telephone: 301-736-2700; Contact person: **Devin Nixon at dnixon@pgcea.org SUBJ: DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CONTEST ENTRY FORM; Contact Emails: dnixon@pgcea.org; contact@pgcea.org, ParksA@pgcea.org;**

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October 24, 2021

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 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 skills. **1st place winners for each category, (elementary, middle and high) will receive a prize of \$200, 2nd place will receive a prize of \$100, and 3rd place will receive \$75** for their contest submissions.

PGCEA requests your support in encouraging your students' participation in our contest. Winners will be recognized and awarded their **prizes** during our annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration program during the month of **January. More information will be coming in the coming weeks relating to the awards ceremony.**

Winners should be prepared to read their essays at the awards ceremony. We appreciate your assistance and active support in promoting participation in this contest.

Sincerely,

The Minority Affairs Committee

Olive Lennox, Minority Affairs Chairperson

Annett Jones, Minority Affairs Board Liaison

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Attachment: MLK, Jr Contest Entry Form and Rules