



Hopkins County's 37th Annual MLK Celebration
Saturday, January 18, 2020, 2pm Byrnes Auditorium, Health Campus of MCC
750 Laffoon Street, Madisonville, KY 42431

2020 Essay Contest

“How Can You Use the Teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to Promote Unity and Make a Difference in our Community?”

Keeping Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's dream alive, students are asked to creatively express how the works of this great American leader have influenced the idea of promoting unity. Students should reflect on how Dr. King's legacy has inspired them to promote unity and make a difference in our community.

Who May Apply?: All K-12 students are eligible to participate in the essay contest. Contest divisions will be: K-1st grade, 2nd-3rd grade, 4th-5th grade, 6-8th grade, and 9-12 grades.

Requirements:

- Participants must be enrolled in a Hopkins County school.
- The essay should be inspired by a Dr. King moment or speech and how it has influenced the student's thoughts on the theme: “How Can You Use the Teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to Promote Unity and Make a Difference in Our Community?”
- Entries must be 500 words or less
- Videos and films will not be accepted.

All writing entries will be judged on the criteria listed in the Kentucky Writing Scoring Rubric: purpose, awareness of audience, idea development, organization (sentence structure and transitions), language, and correctness.

Awards: Overall winner will receive a plaque. 1st place winners in each division will receive a personalized plaque. 2nd and 3rd place winners will receive certificates. Contest winners will also receive chamber checks. Winners will be recognized at the 2020 MLK Celebration.

Deadline: The essay contest will run from Oct. 14-Nov. 22, 2019

How to Submit Entries: Students should bring entries to their school's curriculum coordinator or principal.

Information to Include with Entries:

- Student's name, address, and grade level
- Parent's name and contact number
- School name
- Teacher's name

If you have any questions, please contact Lori Harrison with the Hopkins County Board of Education at 270-825-6000 or Jay Parrent with Madisonville Community College at 270-824-8571.