



Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Sacramento 2021 Essay Contest

Top three
winners in each
category
win cash prizes.

1st Place: \$250
2nd Place: \$150
3rd Place: \$100

Celebrating The Life & legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., We Are Excited To Present the 8th Annual MLK Essay Contest.

Open To Middle and High School Students Throughout Sacramento, Yolo, Placer, El Dorado, and Sutter Counties.

2021 MLK Essay Contest Theme

Congressman John Lewis was an African American politician and civil rights leader who fought to end legalized racial segregation in the United States. Like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., John Lewis preached "get in good trouble, necessary trouble" with an emphasis on non-violence. Congressman Lewis encouraged peaceful protests to achieve goals such as guaranteeing the right to vote for all Americans.

Congressman Lewis encouraged others to stand up for justice.

With COVID-19 Health guidelines in mind, describe an injustice that you see in today's society and what you can do to address the issue and advancement of John Lewis' call to action.

Essays will be judged on creativity, clarity, content, coherence and adherence to theme.

Winning essays will be published on the MLK Committee website and recognized as part of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration event in January 2021.

Contest Rules

- Winners will be chosen from middle and high school categories who attend school in Sacramento, Yolo, Placer, El Dorado and Sutter Counties.
- The essay must consist of no more than 300 words.
- Entries must be on 8½" x 11" white paper. double spaced and typed using a 12pt. font.
- Only one entry per student.
- All entries **MUST** include student's name, grade level, full school name, school district, home address and contact phone number.

Submit Essays by
Monday, December 21, 2020 at 5 pm

Email Submission Preferred

Send as an attachment in MS WORD or PDF format to mlkessaycontestsac@gmail.com

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