

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Scholarship Committee

Celebrating the life, work and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.™

December 2019

Dear Northeast Ohio Morehouse/Spelman College Student:

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Scholarship Committee of Cleveland, Ohio cordially invites you to enter an essay contest in honor of the National Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. The winners will be known as the "**MLK-Northeast Ohio Morehouse College/Spelman College Scholar**", and be awarded a scholarship and other prizes.

The Twentieth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Breakfast Celebration™ is planned for Monday, January 20, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. at the Windows on the River in Downtown Cleveland. It is sponsored by the MLK Holiday Scholarship Committee. During this Breakfast, each scholar will be presented to the Community and receive his/her scholarship letter at the Breakfast. Three complimentary Breakfast tickets will be provided for each Contest Winner.

The mission of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Scholarship Committee of Cleveland, Ohio is to:
Provide an honorable celebration of the life, work & legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.;;
Encourage historical research and written/visual creative expression of Northeast Ohio's youth;
Promote the importance of life-long reading and learning;
Honor individuals and organizations whose work moves us closer to Dr. King's vision of ***The Beloved Community***.

Please find enclosed an application and detailed information about this scholarship. This letter and related information may be duplicated and distributed among your friends and classmates who meet the criteria. Registrars of both colleges will be informed of your need to receive from him/her a Letter of Certification.

It is our hope that you will be very active in programs that honor the work and celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Thank you for your time, interest and consideration.

Sincerely,

Yvette N. Brown

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MLK Holiday Scholarship Committee
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**MLK-NORTHEAST OHIO MOREHOUSE/SPELMAN COLLEGE
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

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**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
CLEVELAND, OHIO**

Please **PRINT**/Blue or Black Ink

NAME

OHIO ADDRESS

CITY/ZIP/COUNTY

10-DIGIT PHONE NUMBER

E-MAIL ADDRESS

MAJOR

YEAR

CAREER ASPIRATION

HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATION YEAR

**I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS ACCURATE. I AGREE TO ACCEPT THE
DECISION OF THE CONTEST JUDGES AS FINAL. I UNDERSTAND THAT FALSE
INFORMATION, AN INCOMPLETE ENTRY PACKAGE OR PLAGIARISM WILL ELIMINATE MY
ESSAY FROM CONSIDERATION.**

SIGNATURE

DATE

**Please mail OR email your complete essay packet (must be received no later than Thursday,
January 9, 2020) to:**

**MLK Holiday Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 201970
Cleveland, Ohio 44120-8116**

Tracking is strongly recommended for mailed entries!

MLK-NORTHEAST OHIO MOREHOUSE/SPELMAN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

TITLE: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

YOU are Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sitting on the front porch of Heaven, you brood deeply about the injustices in the United States of America in recent years. Compose a letter to the American people in which you state a **CALL TO ACTION** that will lead this generation to think, advocate and act with the mindset that "**Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.**"

ESSAY MECHANICS

Typed

Font Size: 11 or 12

Font Style: Arial, Century or Tahoma

750 words minimum – 2000 words maximum

Single space

Skip space between paragraphs

Justify margins

Cover Page

Essay Title 20-22 Font – 1/3 from the top of the page

Skip two spaces – your full name

Your class year

Skip two spaces – the name of your college

City/state of your college

Name at bottom of each page (except the Cover Page)

Pages stapled together

CONTESTANT'S REQUIREMENTS

Full time enrollment in Morehouse or Spelman College

GPA: 2.70 or higher

Residence in one of the following Ohio Counties: Ashtabula, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull

Letter from the Office of the Registrar stating that you are enrolled as a full-time student, your GPA as of May 31, 2019, and listing your Ohio address as of September 30, 2019.

THE EVALUATION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

Each essay will be judged by members of the MLK Holiday Scholarship Committee using the criteria listed in the "***MLK-Northeast Ohio Morehouse/Spelman Essay Contest Rubrics***".

The decision of the judges is final.

ESSAY PACKET

Completed Application

Registrar's Letter of Certification on school letterhead

*****Please Note:***

Essays become the property of the MLK Holiday Scholarship Committee and will **NOT** be returned.

Incomplete essay packets will **NOT** be considered for the competition.

Please be sure to use enough first class postage to ensure delivery, and use **tracking service** OR complete entries may be emailed to MLKScholarsCleveland@gmail.com with **MLK contest** in the subject line.

MLK-N.E. Ohio Morehouse/Spelman Essay Contest Rubrics

This is criteria by which your essay will be evaluated.

Topic: “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

CATEGORY	Excellent - 4	Good - 3	Satisfactory - 2	Needs Improvement - 1
Writing Process	Student devotes needed time and effort to the writing process (prewriting, drafting, reviewing, and editing). Works hard to make the essay wonderful.	Student devotes sufficient time and effort to the writing process (prewriting, drafting, reviewing, and editing). Works and gets the job done.	Student devotes some time and effort to the writing process but was not very thorough. Does enough to get by.	Student devotes little time and effort to the writing process. Doesn't seem to care.
Focus on Assigned Topic	The entire essay is related to the assigned topic and allows the reader to understand much more about the topic.	Most of the essay is related to the assigned topic. The essay wanders off at one point, but the reader can still learn something about the topic.	Some of the essay is related to the assigned topic, but a reader does not learn much about the topic.	No attempt has been made to relate the essay to the assigned topic.
Organization	The essay is very well organized. One idea or scene follows another in a logical sequence with clear transitions.	The essay is pretty well organized. One idea may seem out of place. Clear transitions are used.	The essay is a little hard to follow. The transitions are sometimes not clear.	Ideas seem to be randomly arranged.
Accuracy of Facts	All facts presented in the essay are accurate.	Almost all facts presented in the essay are accurate.	Most facts presented in the essay are accurate (at least 70%).	There are several factual errors in the essay.

Spelling and Punctuation	There are no spelling or punctuation errors in the final draft. Character and place names that the author invented are spelled consistently throughout.	There is one spelling or punctuation error in the final draft.	There are 2-3 spelling and punctuation errors in the final draft.	The final draft has more than 3 spelling and punctuation errors.
Creativity	The essay contains many creative details and/or descriptions that contribute to the reader's enjoyment. The author has really used his imagination.	The essay contains a few creative details and/or descriptions that contribute to the reader's enjoyment. The author has used his imagination.	The essay contains a few creative details and/or descriptions, but they distract from the writer's message. The author has tried to use his imagination.	There is little evidence of creativity in the essay. The author does not seem to have used much imagination.
Requirements	All of the written requirements (# of pages, # of graphics, type of graphics, etc.) were met.	Almost all (about 90%) the written requirements were met.	Most (about 75%) of the written requirements were met, but several were not.	Many requirements were not met.

FINAL CHECK LIST

THE ESSAY

- Topic thoroughly addressed
- Stayed on topic
- Excess, unrelated paragraphs deleted
- Cover Page per instructions
- Name typed at bottom of each page except Cover Page
- All pages stapled together
- Computer **AND** personal spell check

- Self-read out loud
- Read by friend/classmate

THE EVALUATION

First Place Minimum Score: 23

THE PACKET

- Application: Completed, signed, and dated
- Stapled essay
- Registrar's Letter
- Envelope properly addressed
- Your return address included

PROPER POSTAGE & TRACKING OR EMAIL TO

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