

*“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”*

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

To commemorate the enduring and powerful messages of love, hope and unity that characterized the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Multicultural Council** annually hosts a celebration that honors the diversity of New Mexico.

An integral part of the celebration is an annual **essay scholarship competition** open to high school seniors across the state pursuing higher education who use Dr. King’s stirring words, unforgettable images and actions to **express their understanding of civil rights, diversity and community pride.**

Students use their own literary, creative canvases to express how Dr. King’s broad messages continue to **have a profound impact on society, as well as on their individual lives,** and how those memorable words continue to motivate and inspire people of all ethnicities and generations. Applicants are urged to actively **seek the input from their mentors in the education, business and social communities.**

Please follow the scholarship application and essay guidelines provided here.

The application should be filled out and sent to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Multicultural Council by US mail. Please feel free to make copies. All applications must be postmarked on or before September 13, 2010

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### 2011 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

All aspects of the application process **MUST** be completed, mailed and postmarked on or before September 13, 2010. Scholarship awards of a minimum of \$1,000 will be granted to 2011 New Mexico high school graduates.

### REQUIREMENTS

1. Eligible for high school diploma or equivalent (GED)
2. Eligible to enroll full time in college/university
3. Completed application form
4. Official academic transcript
5. You must submit a recent, sharp and high-gloss photograph of yourself. The photo must be a head and shoulder shot of you only and measure a minimum of 2½” by 3” and a maximum of 3½” by 5”. The photo will be used for publicity and as part of the annual celebration program.
6. Financial need (optional)
7. Three letters of reference:
  - a. Current teacher
  - b. Your high school counselor, principal or other school administrator
  - c. One personal reference (i.e. friend, neighbor, clergy, employer)
8. Composition and submission of an essay following the **2011 Essay Guidelines**.
9. At the top of the first page of your essay, please type in the order listed below:
  - a. Your name
  - b. Your address (city, state and zip code)
  - c. Your e-mail address
  - d. Cell phone number
  - e. Your home phone number
  - f. Your school
  - g. The number of the photo you selected

1. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in a hospital in the Harlem section of New York City in 1958 after being stabbed by a woman described as deranged during a book-signing.

2. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his chief lieutenant Ralph Abernathy sit in a St. John's County jail in St. Augustine, Fla. after their arrest on trespassing charges. The two, in town to protest segregation, were arrested while attempting a sit-in at a motel restaurant.

3. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. attended a 1963 White House conference to deal with discrimination. In attendance were President Lyndon B. Johnson, U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy and Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP.

*“Faith is taking the first step,  
even when you don’t see the  
whole staircase...”*

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### 2011 ESSAY GUIDELINES

You are to write an essay on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a minimum length of 500 words and a maximum of 525 words.

From the images provided, choose one picture that speaks to you personally with its imagery, symbolism, historical significance, inspiration or other individually compelling reasons.

Utilizing the selected image, write an essay that represents your personal experience in relationship to Dr. King’s life, his actions or ideals. Be certain to detail how Dr. King has influenced you personally. Based on the chosen photo, the essay is to include your thoughts on what effect Dr. King has had on our current society.

Additionally, you must write a 25–30 word statement that summarizes the essence of your essay. This should be in the form of one or two short sentences.

Submit all application materials to:

**Scholarship Coordinator  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Multicultural Council**

P.O. Box 40306  
Albuquerque, NM 87196  
<http://www.mlkmc.com>

For more information please call:

Annie Hill, 505-898-3825

or

Renetta M. Torres, 505-468-1500  
(email: [rtorres@bernco.gov](mailto:rtorres@bernco.gov))

4. Images of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. showing different poses and moods.

5. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. answers reporters questions as he, his wife and two of his children prepare to board a plane to Oslo, Norway, to accept the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize.

6. President Lyndon B. Johnson offers Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. one of the pens used to sign the landmark Voting Rights bill in 1965.



Deadline: September 13, 2010

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SSN# \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ MALE \_\_\_\_\_ FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PRINCIPAL \_\_\_\_\_ PRINCIPAL'S PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION YOU PLAN TO ATTEND \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION YOU PLAN TO ATTEND \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/SERVICES \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/SERVICES \_\_\_\_\_

WORK EXPERIENCE \_\_\_\_\_

The **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Multicultural Council** is an all-volunteer organization. Should you be awarded a scholarship, we trust that you will continue to volunteer your time and energy during your college years and beyond. May we contact you to work with us? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Family income is among the factors the Council uses to select scholarship winners. Do you have a financial need in terms of attending college? If so, please describe it. (Please attach another sheet).

I certify that the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I grant the Scholarship Selection Committee my consent to review my academic record and other information relevant to the application. I understand that if I receive a scholarship, I must enroll full-time in a post-secondary institution for the fall semester, 2011 or earlier.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_