

# DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ESSAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

On August 28, 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr. led a march of thousands to the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. where he delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech, one of the most important speeches in American history and the pivotal speech of the civil rights movement.



As a part of our celebration of the 53rd Anniversary of the "I Have a Dream" speech for the Citizen Tribune, and the Morristown Task Force of Diversity is sponsoring an essay contest. To be a contestant, a student must write an essay responding to the following prompt.

## **Ideas on I Have A Dream diversity essay prompts:**

• **K-Grade 2:** Dr. King is sharing a dream of what the world would look like if everyone got along. Show/Tell how your dream world would look if everyone were treated nicely and with respect. (May include illustration.)

• **Grades 3-5:** If Dr. King's dream from his "I Have a Dream" speech came true, how would your school and community look different? How would people treat each other? What would make Dr. King the most proud?

• **Grades 6-8:** What words, phrases, or sections of Dr. King's speech do you find the most powerful and why? Are they still powerful today? How so?

• **Grades 9-12:** Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech identifies the goals of the Civil Rights Movement to overcome segregation and racism. What are the new dreams of your generation in terms of justice and equality in America? What will it take for your generation to overcome?

**COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION & RETURN WITH ESSAY.**

STUDENT'S NAME:

STUDENT'S ADDRESS:

STUDENT'S PARENT/GUARDIAN:

HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER:

STUDENT'S SCHOOL:

STUDENT'S TEACHER:

SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER:

IF HOME SCHOOLED, INDICATE HERE:

**ESSAY LENGTH:** • K-2 - MAY BE SUBMITTED IN WORDS OR PICTURES  
GRADES 3-5 - AN ESSAY BETWEEN 150-200 WORDS  
GRADES 6-8 - AN ESSAY BETWEEN 250-350 WORDS  
GRADES 9-12 - AN ESSAY NOT TO EXCEED 500 WORDS

**PRIZE - \$100 CASH PRIZE FOR EACH AGE GROUP**

**THE ESSAY MAY BE HANDWRITTEN OR PRODUCED ON A COMPUTER IN 12 PT FONT**

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Winners will be expected to attend the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast on Monday, January 16, 2017 and to read their essays at the event.

**DEADLINE IS FRIDAY DECEMBER 2ND, 2016**