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Advancing the Dream Youth Expression Contest

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Dr. King Observance 2021

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Advancing the Dream Youth Expression

In remembrance of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the recent, historic election of another dream fulfilled, eyes across our community and the nation are focused on increasing access to affordable healthcare for all.

Advancing the Dream. Youth Expression (Art and Essay) Contest provides students with the opportunity to help foster healing through art and writing for our young people and communities of color experiencing unfair, unequal, and unjust health conditions. Through artistic-focused expression, our youth and communities can reduce stress, anxiety, and other challenging health issues. Further, artistic-expression can improve communication and socialization skills for our youth ---- leading to healthier communities and better learning outcomes for tomorrow's leaders.

Eligibility:

Children in the following age groups are eligible to participate: Grades PK-12 from the local St. Louis metropolitan community. The children will be categorized by grade levels PK-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12 for judging. Each group will be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places based upon entries in Art and Essay.

ART

How to Submit Your Art

Entries may be submitted by January 9, 2021 at Centennial Christian Church, 4950 Fountain, St. Louis, MO 63113 between 9am and 12pm in person. If you choose to send it by mail, it must be received by January 4, 2021. Entries may be submitted to the email address CCCSTL.MLK@gmail.com if using digital format. Entries received after the deadline will be disqualified.

ART CONTEST RULES

- Categories PreK – 2, Grades 3-5, Middle School Grades 6, 7 and 8, and High School Grades 9-12,
- Artwork can be submitted in the following sub-categories: Drawing, Painting, Collage, Photography and Graphic Design, Ceramic/Clay Art, Fiber Art, etc.
- Students may only submit one (1) piece of artwork (in any medium) within the Art Contest.
- Students who submit artwork are still permitted to enter the essay contest.
- Each submission must include: the student's name, student's grade, school, parent's/guardian's name, home address, and sponsoring teacher's/organization/MLK Committee's Person's name and artists statement that describes the picture and how it connects to the theme (200 words or less). If the artist statement cannot be attached, please submit in envelope.
- Submissions lacking the above criteria may be disqualified.
- Each submission must include a completed copy of the Registration Form signed by the student, parent/guardian.
- Submissions must be received no later than January 4, 2021 by mail. All Art can be delivered to Centennial Christian Church located at 4950 Fountain Ave, St. Louis, MO on Saturday, January 9, 2021, between 9am – 12noon.
- Winning art pieces become the property of MLK Committee and as such may be used, copied and displayed for promotional/informational purposes.
- Artwork from winning and non-winning students will be returned upon request following MLK festivities. Arrangements can be made for pick up.

General guidelines for all art submissions EXCEPT Photography and Graphic Design: Traditional media categories include Drawing, Painting, and Collage: Original work must not exceed legal size 11” x 14”. All forms of art must not exceed the size mentioned above. All artworks must include an “Artist’s Statement” on the back of each work. If an artist statement can’t be attached, please use a separate envelop to for artist statement. All images must be two-dimensional, original, and not appropriated from any other resource unless dramatically altered. Artwork must be unpublished and completed by one person.

General guidelines for Photography submissions: Photography work includes color and black & white works. Actual photos should be 8” x 10” only and must be printed on 8.5” x 11” photo paper. Please do not frame and do not mount photography submissions. All images must be two-dimensional, original, and not appropriated from any other resource unless dramatically altered. Artwork must be unpublished and completed by one person.

General guidelines for Graphic Design submissions: Graphic design work is defined as the use of computer media and innovative computer applications in art. Original artwork must be 8.5”x11” only, and must be mounted on illustration board that is also 8.5”x11”. Please only mount the piece on illustration board that is the aforementioned size. Please do not mat graphic design work. All images must be two-dimensional, original, and not appropriated from any other resource unless dramatically altered. Artwork must be unpublished and completed by one person.

DISQUALIFYING FACTORS: Artwork may be disqualified automatically or receive a lower score if it lacks any of the aforementioned criteria. Please follow the exact directions for each submission. Art pieces should be submitted by mail or dropped off at Centennial Christian Church only on January 9, 2021 during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A failure to submit art according to the deadline will be disqualified.

Judging & Prizes

First, second, and third place will be awarded and decided by a panel of judges representing each of the participating partners. The entries will be judged on creativity, originality, technique, and meaning. The prizes will be awarded in gift cards with 1st place \$50, 2nd place \$25, and 3rd place \$15. Each winning student will also win a filled bookbag.

ESSAY

ESSAY CONTEST RULES

- Categories: PreK – 2, Grades 3-5, Middle School Grades 6, 7 and 8, and High School Grades 9-12
- The essay must be the original work of the student.
- Essays must be double spaced, typed with Times New Roman font, 12-point size and meet the word length minimum. Titles and works cited (if provided) do not count towards the word count.
- Students may only submit one (1) essay in the Contest.
- Students who submit an essay are still permitted to enter the art contest.
- Each submission must include: the student’s name, student’s grade, school, parent’s/guardian’s name, home address, and sponsoring teacher’s/organization/MLK Committee’s Person’s name.
- Submissions lacking the above criteria may be disqualified.

- Each submission must include a completed copy of the Registration Form signed by the student, parent/guardian.
- Submissions must be received no later than January 4, 2021 by mail. All essays can be delivered to Centennial Christian Church located at 4950 Fountain Ave, St. Louis, MO on Saturday, January 9, 2021, between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Winning essays become the property of MLK Committee and as such may be used, copied and displayed for promotional/informational purposes.
- Essays from winning and non-winning students will be returned upon request following MLK festivities. Arrangements can be made for pick up.

Word Count Limits

- *Grades PK-2:* Question is **“Who was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr?”** It should be at minimum 1 page.
- *Grades 3-5:* Question is **“Who was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and what kind of person was he?”** It should be a minimum of 2 pages.
- *Grades 6-8:* Question is **“How did Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. impact the nation? (social justice, healthcare, Vietnam War, etc.)** It should be a minimum of 3 pages.
- *Grades 9-12* Question is “This year’s essay program theme is “Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane.” Reflecting on this quote, the question is **“How does the Dr. King quote reflect COVID 19 and disparities in the health care system?”** This should be a minimum of 4 pages.

How to Submit Your Essay

Entries must be submitted by January 9, 2021 as a double-spaced typed document to CCCSTL.MLK@gmail.com, sent by regular US mail, or essays can be delivered to Centennial Christian Church located at 4950 Fountain Ave, St. Louis, MO on Saturday, January 9, 2021, between 9am – 12noon.

Judging & Prizes

First, second, and third place will be awarded and decided by a panel of judges. Essays will be judged based on the following: creativity, organization, development of ideas, and response to the questions. The prizes will be awarded in gift cards with 1st \$50, 2nd \$25, and 3rd \$15. Each winning student will also win a filled bookbag.

Prizes will be awarded on January 16, 2021 during the Dr. King Observance at Centennial Christian Church located at 4950 Fountain Ave. at 10:30 a.m. Winners of the contest will be contacted by January 19, 2021 to claim their prizes if they are not in attendance.

If you have questions, please contact us at:
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MLK OBSERVANCE: YOUTH EXPRESSION REGISTRATION

Contest Participant's Name: _____

Prefers to be called: _____

Birth Date: _____ School/Program/Church: _____ Current School Grade: _____

PARTICIPANT'S PRIMARY CAREGIVERS:

Parent's/Guardian Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone (Home/Cell/Work): _____

Email: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

In case of emergency, please contact the following:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone (Home/Cell/Work): _____

Email: _____

MEDIA RELEASE FORM

On occasion, Centennial Christian Church and participating partners will use pictures, video, interviews, statements, print media, essay, art and more to communicate and share our work with the congregation, our denomination, community and world. If you're willing to give us permission to utilize photos, videos, interviews and more of your child for the sole purpose of communicating and sharing our program with others, recruitment of participants and volunteers and more, please respond appropriately below.

Please put initials in the appropriate space below:

_____ Yes, you can use pictures, videos, essays, art and more of my child. I hereby grant Centennial Christian Church (Disciples of Christ Church) the permission to use my child's work or images in photographs, video, and other forms of media in all its publications, including bulletin boards, website entries, social media marketing and more. I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photographs or videos.

_____ No, please do not print or publish photos of videos of my child online or in church-related publications.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

GENERAL RELEASE:

"I/We hereby grant permission for my/our child

_____ to be a participant in the MLK Youth Expression Contest, sponsored by Centennial Christian Church, (Disciples of Christ) in St. Louis, MO and to participate in all program activities arranged by its leadership.

I/We recognize the importance of the commitment that my child must make to enter the MLK Youth Expression Contest. In addition, I/We understand that if my child/children's work places in the contest, I would ensure that my child/children are in attendance during the 10:00am MLK Observance at Fountain Park on January 16, 2021 to present their art/essay. At that time, we'll also present them with their award.

Initials: _____

Participant's Name: (Please Print): _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: (Please Print)

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

MLK Youth Expression Contest

Art Contest 2020 - 2021

Judge's Name: _____

Date: _____

Essay Evaluation Scores Between 1 – 5 (Please see scoring guide)

MLK Art & Essay Contest 2020 – 2021

Essay Rubric

Criteria	1 point	2 points	3 or 4 points	5 points
Focus	The essay poorly deals with the topic and includes irrelevant ideas	The essay is focused on the topic and includes few loosely related ideas	The essay is focused in the topic and includes relevant ideas	The essay is focused, purposefully and reflects clear insights and ideas
Support	Provides little or no support for the main point	Main point is supported with some underdeveloped reasons evidence or examples	Main point is strengthened with developed reasons evidence of examples	Main point is convincingly supported with well developed reasons with evidence and/or examples
Organization	Little or no organization of ideas to build an argument	Some organization of ideas to build an argument	Organizes ideas to build an argument	Effectively organizes ideas to build a logical coherent argument
Language use, style, and conventions	Little or no use of elements of style. Many errors in grammar, spelling and punctuation makes reader's comprehension difficult	Some use of elements of style Contains frequent errors in grammar, spelling and punctuation	Appropriate use of elements of style Uses correct grammar, spelling and punctuation with very few errors	Effective use of elements of style to strengthen meaning Uses correct grammar, spelling and punctuation with very few to no errors
Originality	No experimentation with language to enhance concepts No Adherence to theme	Very little experimentation to enhance concepts Does not address the theme in a creative way	Sufficient experimentation with language to enhance concepts Applies creative thinking to express the theme	Distinctive experimentation with language and usage to enhance concepts Applies higher order thinking and creative skills to express the theme

MLK Youth Expression Contest

Art Contest 2020 - 2021

Judge's Name: _____

Date: _____

Essay Evaluation Scores Between 1 – 5 (Please see scoring guide)

MLK Art & Essay Contest 2020 – 2021

Art Rubric

Criteria	Poor Quality (1 or 2 Points)	Good Quality (3 or 4 points)	Excellent Quality (5 Points)
Craftmanship	There's no evidence of skill development in media, little technical competency	Demonstrates of skill with the media, technically proficient	Demonstrates strong skill with the media, technically accomplished
Formal Qualities	Lacking a cohesive appearance Weak integration of elements and principle of design	Lacking a cohesive appearance Some integration of elements and principles of design	Composition is cohesively unified Strong integration of elements and principles of design
Creativity	Does not exhibit innovative thinking - very little experimentation to enhance concepts Does not exhibit creative thinking skills – uses trite or over used images and/or approach	Exhibits innovative thinking- sufficient experimentation to enhance concepts. Unusual play on image and concept, use of visual metaphor that has some visible connection to the theme	Exhibits distinct experimentation and innovation to enhance creative concepts Use of strong metaphor, personal meaning and/or elaborate or complex visual responses Strong apparent connection to the theme
Integration of Topic	Poor interpretation and communication of thematic concepts due to inappropriate or inadequate images or thoughts	Adequate interpretation and communication of thematic concepts	Excellent interpretation and communication if thematic concepts
Artist Statement	There's little or no correspondence between the written statement and the visual image. Does not reflect in the experiences or art processes utilized in the creation of artwork	There's a moderate correspondence between the written statement and the visual images. Reflects in writing on the experiences or art processes utilized in the creation of the artwork with adequate or minimal explanation	There's strong correspondence between the written statement and the visual image. Reflects on the experiences or art processes utilized in the creation of the artwork with detail and thorough explanations