

MLK Week 2024 Essay Contest

Ursinus College is pleased to announce the Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest. All students in grades 5-8 are encouraged to apply. Multiple winners may be chosen and can expect notification the week of January 15, 2024.

The purpose of the contest is to encourage young people to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through inquiry, reflection, and personal expression.

Entry Requirements

Theme: The theme of this year’s events is “Let Freedom Ring.” Please reflect on the life and times of Dr. King and prepare an entry that expresses how his words and actions can be an inspiration and guide for your generation.

- **Submissions will be accepted until December 1, 2023.** Submissions received after the deadline will not be accepted.
- One entry per student. Duplicate entries will be disqualified.
- The official contest entry form must accompany each submission.
- All entries must be original work (entries deemed to infringe on copyright protections will be disqualified).
- Hard copies of entries will not be returned.
- See submission instructions below.

Entry Specifications

Essay requirements	Grade 5	Grade 6-8
Prose only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Typed or legibly printed. Entries deemed illegible by the committee will be disqualified	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Single spaced in standard font (Arial, Times New Roman, Calibri, Georgia recommended)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No script	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Word count	150-250	300-500

Judging Criteria:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adherence to theme ○ Awareness of audience ○ Idea development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Organization ○ Language ○ Grammar |
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Entry Form

Entrant Information (required)	
Name	
School	School City & State
Grade	Teacher's Name
How did you hear about the contest?	Teacher's Email Address
Parent or Guardian Contact Information (required for individual entries not submitted by your teacher)	
Name	
Phone Number	
Email	

Submission Instructions

Entries and entry form may be submitted via email to inclusionandcommunity@ursinus.edu, or by mail to:

MLK Week Essay Contest
 Attn: Heather Lobban-Viravong, Vice President, Inclusion and Community Engagement
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 Collegeville, PA 19426