

# The 2017 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Essay Contest



Submission Deadline  
Friday, January 12, 2018  
300 Word Limit

In honor of the birthday and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the MLK Celebration Committee and Sacramento County Office of Education are pleased to announce the 5th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest.

Top three winners in each category to win cash prizes.  
1st Place: \$250  
2nd Place: \$150  
3rd Place: \$100

## The 2018 MLK Essay Contest Theme:

Fifty years ago, Dr. King delivered his famous "I Have A Dream Speech."  
What would it take to make  
Dr. Martin Luther King's dream a reality today?

Essays will be judged on creativity, clarity, content, coherence and adherence to theme.

Winning essays may be published on the MLK Committee website and recognized as part of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Dinner on January 27, 2018 at Sacramento State University.

Open To Middle and High School  
Students Throughout Sacramento, Yolo,  
Placer, El Dorado, and Sutter Counties.

### Contest Rules

- Winners will be chosen from middle and high school categories who attend school in Sacramento, Yolo, Placer, El Dorado and Sutter Counties.
- The essay must consist of no more than 300 words.
- Entries must be on 8½" x 11" white paper, double spaced and typed using a 12pt. font.
- Only one entry per student.
- All entries **must** include student's name, grade level, full school name, school district, home address and contact phone number.

Submit Essays by  
Friday, January 12, 2018 at 5 pm

#### US Mail

MLK Celebration - 2018 Essay Contest  
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Sacramento, CA 95825

#### Email

Send as an attachment in MS WORD or PDF format to [mlkessaycontestsac@gmail.com](mailto:mlkessaycontestsac@gmail.com)

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