



THE 2019 ATHENS-LIMESTONE MARTIN LUTHER KING Jr. HOLIDAY ESSAY & ART CONTEST

The City of Athens, Limestone County, and Limestone NAACP announce the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Essay & Art Contest! This year's theme is

A STABLE MESSAGE IN CHANGING TIMES

2019 essays division prompts on following page.

Grades 2 & 3; Grades 4 & 5; Grades 6-8; Grades 9-12

2019 art divisions prompts highlighted on following page.

Grades 2-5; Grades 6-12

Criteria:

- Must be a student attending in Athens or Limestone County, Homeschoolers are encouraged to participate.
- No more than one page in length and typed or written legibly by hand.
- The student, not adults, must write the essay; counselors and parents may assist the student. Make sure it is the words and thoughts of the student.
- Include the student's **name, school, age, and a phone number** on the upper right corner of the essay; art will have the same information included on the back of the picture.
- The essay will be judged on clarity, content, grammar, and theme development based on age of the writer; art will be judged based on creativity of theme expression and artistic skill based on chosen medium. Original artwork must be submitted. No emails.
- The winners in each category will read their essay during the MLK event program on January 21, 2019, 9:30 a.m. at the Event Center; all art will be displayed at the event program with the three winning entries on display at High Cotton Arts.
- The first, second, and third place winners for both essay and art will receive a cash award.
- For questions, you may contact Bernard Simelton: 256-426-6406 or 256-444-1300.

ALL ESSAYS WILL BE CHECKED FOR PLAGARISM VIA THE INTERNET!

SUBMIT ENTRIES NO LATER THAN JANUARY 11, 2019 to the following!!!

Mail Essays and Art to

MLK Essay / Art Contest, P.O. Box 1071, Athens AL 35612 or email to

kglaze@athensal.us or hand-deliver to Kim G. at the Mayor's Office

A Stable Message in Changing Times

Martin Luther King, Jr often asked, “What are you doing for others?”

- Who was Martin Luther King, Jr?
- Why did he believe so strongly in **servicing others**?
- How can you serve others in your school, home and community?

Grades 4 – 5

One of Martin Luther King, Jr’s central messages was to maintain that
“men and women everywhere, regardless of color or creed,
are **equal** members of the human family.”

- What do you believe to be the meaning of his message?
- How did he act on this belief?
- How can you identify with this belief and demonstrate it in your life.

Grades 6 – 8

How are Martin Luther King, Jr.’s messages of **equality**, **pride in oneself**, and **respect for others** relevant in today’s world?

One such example of this belief was in his I Have a Dream, speech, when he states that one day men will be evaluated based on the “content of their character, not the color of their skin”.

How are these evidenced in today’s society or how could these ideals be applied?

Grades 9 – 12

In “Letter from a Birmingham Jail”, Martin Luther King, Jr. writes” **We will have to repent in this generation for merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people, but for the appalling silence of the good people. Human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless efforts of men willing to be coworkers with God, and without this hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of social stagnation. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right.”**

Elaborate on Dr. King’s thoughts, how did this apply in his situation?

How does this thought apply to your generation?

MLK Week of Service

January 14-18, 2019

Community Members, Schools, Classrooms & Students

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