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October 2, 2017

Dear Principal,

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Birthday Celebration Committee of Nassau County Inc., is pleased to announce the 33rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Awards for Nassau County Students completing their final year in High School in 2018.

Enclosed please find the applications for the scholarship awards contest. We ask that you kindly forward to the appropriate teacher or guidance counselor in your building. The postmark deadline is November 13, 2017. We look forward to your positive response and thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience at (516) 223-0289.

Sincerely yours,

Wilma H. Tootle

Wilma Holmes Tootle, Chair
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240 Old Country Rd., Suite 606, Mineola, NY 11501 Tel: (516) 571-5977

**THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION COMMITTEE OF NASSAU COUNTY INC.**

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**THE 33RD ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CONTEST**

Awards will be made to students who plan to attend a college as a full — time student during the fall of 2018 and who needs financial assistance. Students must also demonstrate moral character, serious educational purpose and leadership in the tradition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

ENTRY CRITERIA

**ALL INTERESTED STUDENTS ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE THE
ATTACHED APPLICATION FORM AND SUBMIT THE FORM WITH:**

- Two (2) letters of recommendation
(one from the School District and one from a community or religious organization).
- A copy of official transcript
- Picture for Luncheon program
- A completed copy of the 2016 Federal 1040 Income Tax Return for the family. **No application will be accepted without financial information on both parents or guardians.** If financial information is not available on one parent, the extenuating circumstances must be documented for an essay to be considered. If the family received Public Assistance, please Xerox the current identification and include the Xeroxed copy when submitting the application form. Documentation must also be supplied for Social Security and disability income.
- A 200-300 word essay on “HOW HAVE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AFFECTED OR IMPACTED MY LIFE AND SOCIETY”. These materials must be submitted to Wilma Tootle, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Committee of Nassau County, Inc. 240 Old Country Rd., Room 606, Mineola, NY 11501 **ESSAYS MUST STRICTLY ADHERE TO THE TOPIC OR WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. ESSAYS WILL BE JUDGED BASED ON ORIGINALITY, THEME, HISTORICAL ACURACY AND OVERALL STYLE.**

MANDATORY ATTENDANCE: All winners are required to attend “The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon.” Scholarship awards may be forfeited if the recipient is not legitimately excused from these events. Schools are encouraged to enter as many students as they wish in this contest.

ALL COMPLETED FORMS with essays must be received by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Committee, Nassau County 240 Old Country Rd., Room 606, Mineola, NY 11501 by Monday, November 13th, 2017. No essay will be judged unless accompanied by **a completed application form and all support documents.** The decision of the Committee is final.

TEACHERS — PLEASE XEROX AS MANY COPIES AS NEEDED FOR YOUR STUDENTS.

If you have any questions, please call Youth and Education Chairperson, Wilma Tootle at (516) 223-0289

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HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CONTEST**

PART ONE — PERSONAL DATA (Please Print)

Name	
Home Address	
Telephone #	
E-mail Address	
Date of Birth	

PART TWO — EDUCATION (Please Print)

Name of High School	
School Address	
Principal's Name	
Guidance Counselor/Teacher:	
Guidance Counselor/Teacher E-Mail Address:	
High School Course/Program:	
Date of Graduation:	
Cum. Grade Point Average:	
Weighted Average:	

Class Rank (Actual #): _____ out of _____ Number of students

**COMPLETE THE CHART BELOW IN DETAIL. LIST SCHOOL/CHURCH/COMMUNITY
ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED. INCLUDE SPECIAL HONORS,
OFFICES HELD AND AWARDS YOU HAVE RECEIVED:**

IN SCHOOL	OUTSIDE SCHOOL
FRESHMAN	
SOPHOMORE	
JUNIOR	
SENIOR	

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HIGH SCHOOL
SENIOR ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CONTEST (CONTINUED)**

COLLEGES TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING:

1.	
2.	
3.	

CAREER INTEREST(S) (OR ANTICIPATED MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY):

WHAT FINANCIAL AID HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR? PLEASE CHECK TO INDICATE "YES".

	TAP (TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)
	PELL
	BEOG (BASIC EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT)
	FAFSA (FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID)
	OTHER (PLEASE LIST)

PLEASE LIST ANY FINANCIAL AID OR SCHOLARSHIPS RECEIVED TO DATE:

IMPORTANT: A completed copy of your family's 2016 Federal 1040 Income Tax Return must accompany your application. If your family is on Public assistance or Social Security, please complete and attach the appropriate form to your scholarship entry. No essay contest entry will be processed without the required documentation.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND ESSAYS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 2017

PLEASE SEND TO:

**WILMA TOOTLE, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE OF NASSAU COUNTY, INC.
240 OLD COUNTRY RD., ROOM 606, MINEOLA, NY 11501**