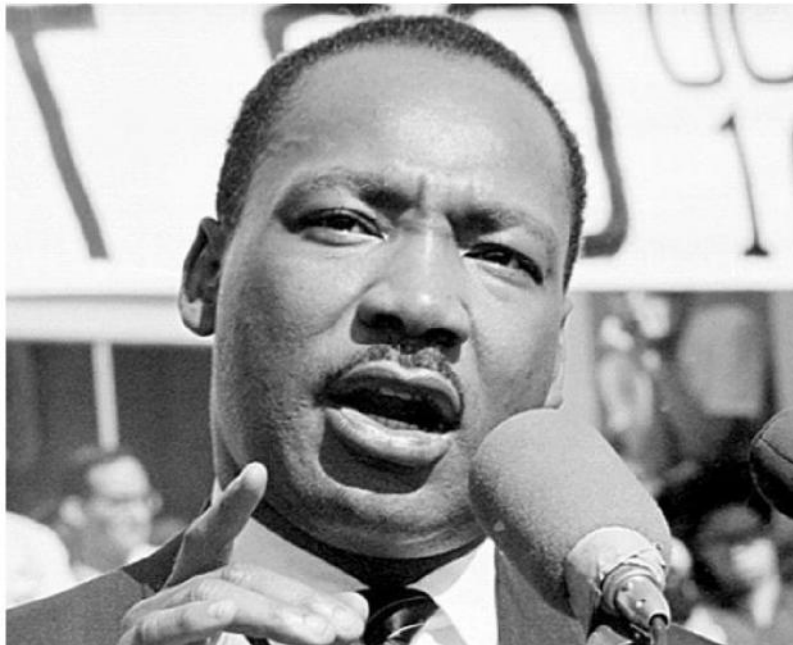


Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Oratorical Scholarship Contest
For
High School Seniors
2022 - 2023



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The City of Sanford Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee, Inc.

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**2022 – 2023 High School Seniors
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Scholarship
Contest Guidelines**

Event Date: Friday, January 13, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.
Seminole State College
100 Weldon Blvd., Sanford, Florida 32773

This event may become virtual due to Covid 19
**We strongly recommend that all visitors to City facilities and property
wear masks, but they are not required**

Deadline to submit application and speech: December 20, 2022

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Contact: Oratorical Chairman Mr. Kenneth Bentley – **407-322-2509 or 321-262-5075**

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship fund is to honor Dr. King's accomplishments as well as encourage our youth, through education and experience, to continue to strive to become productive citizens and give back to their communities through seeking higher education beyond high school. We are encouraging Seminole County high school seniors who plan to attend a college or university to compete in an Oratorical Contest to receive scholarship funds.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee will offer a scholarship to the first, second and third place winners. If one of these winners attend Seminole State College, they will be awarded a \$3,000 scholarship. If the first, second, or third place winner does not want to attend Seminole State College this scholarship will be offered to the next contestant.

REQUIREMENTS

- Candidate must be a high school senior planning to attend a college or university after graduation;
- Candidate must currently have a 2.5 overall GPA earned in high school;
- Candidate must submit a copy of his/her speech along with a completed application by December 20, 2022.

ORATORICAL CONTEST TOPICS – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Create a speech that will allow you to apply one of Dr. King’s quotes to a challenge our country is currently facing.

(Choose One Quote)

- Compare the Past and Future of the Women’s Rights Movement.
- “The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.” (Dr. MLK Jr. quote)
- “If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way.” (Dr. MLK Jr. quote)
- "It is not possible to be in favor of justice for some people and not be in favor of justice for all people." (Dr. MLK Jr. quote)

GUIDELINES

- Candidates must write an original speech (oral presentation of between 4 – 6 minutes) and present a copy along with their application. Be sure to keep a copy for yourself.
- Candidate must perform an oral presentation (memorization of speech) without any notes on one of the contest topics.
- Candidate will be judged on content, originality, and presentation. Oration must be performed on contest topics.

COMMEMORATIVE BANQUET

Saturday, January 14, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Sanford Civic Center

401 E. Seminole Boulevard, Sanford, Florida 32771

This event may become virtual due to Covid 19

We encourage all candidates and parents/sponsors to attend our Annual Commemorative Banquet. There is always a dynamic speaker, and a buffet dinner will be served. All candidates will be provided two tickets, one for the student and one for a parent, to the banquet. Any additional tickets must be purchased. All candidates will be given award certificates at the banquet.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

- Scholarship funds will be given to candidates after they have received their fall semester class schedules from their college. Scholarship winners and a parent must sign a Release of Funds document verifying the student’s enrollment status, scholarship amount, and intention to use the funds to defray college expenses.
- It is the responsibility of the candidate to provide any change of address or new phone number to the scholarship contact person.

DISCLAIMER: Scholarship funds must be claimed by the end of the student’s first academic year in college following graduation. Otherwise, the funds will be forfeited.

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Scholarship
Contest Application
2022 -2023 Academic School Year
High School Seniors Only**

*****Application Deadline: December 20, 2022*****

(Please Print)

Name _____

Home Address _____

City/State/Zip/County _____

Home Phone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____

Date of Birth _____ Expected High School Graduation Date _____

High School _____ City/State _____

Grade Point Average _____ Counselor's Signature _____

GOALS

Describe your future plans and career you wish to pursue. Include college/university you plan to attend

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Summarize your school activities emphasizing those that helped to develop citizenship. Include the most Important activity and all offices you have held.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

List community service activities that demonstrate your leadership involvement and abilities.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

What do you feel are your greatest accomplishments so far?

Explain how receiving this scholarship will make a difference in your life and also briefly explain how you plan to give back to your community after college.

Parent's Signature _____ Date

Student's Signature _____ Date

Please be sure to fill out the entire **APPLICATION** and obtain **ALL SIGNATURES**. Also, submit a **COPY OF YOUR** speech and make a copy for yourself.

For additional information, please call:

Mr. Kenneth Bentley, Oratorical Scholarship Chairman

Contact Number: 321-262-5075

Send documents to:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Steering Committee
Oratorical Scholarship Contest
P. O. Box 500
Sanford, FL 32772-0500