



Martin Luther King, Jr.

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Dear Applicant:

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Committee thanks you for your interest in the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship.

You are eligible to apply if you are a High School Senior who (1) is a legal resident of the City of Springfield, (2) attends one of its public, private, or parochial schools, (3) has a GPA of 3.5 or above, and (4) is involved in his/her church and/or community at large.

Please observe the following dates:

Saturday, December 14, 2019 is the deadline for receiving completed application forms.

Saturday, January 18, 2020 is the **38th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Breakfast** held at the Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place Hotel from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Announcement and presentation of the 2020 scholarship will take place at this event and the award recipient must be present.

We are pleased that you are interested in being considered for this award. We look forward to receiving your completed application no later than Saturday, December 14, 2019 at Midnight.

Sincerely,

Ruby Y. Kelly, Chairperson
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarship
Selection & Awards Committee

Rev. Catharine A. Cummings, Pastor
Wesley United Methodist Church



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Application Packet

Every item must be filled in and the completed Application returned to the Scholarship Selection & Awards Committee no later than **Saturday, December 14, 2019.**

Please Type or Print in Ink

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Date of Birth _____

_____ Telephone # _____

Email Address _____

Mother's Name or Guardian _____

Father's Name or Guardian _____

High School _____ Graduation Date _____

School Address _____

School Activities/Clubs _____

Community Activities _____

Hobbies _____

Submit three (3) recommendations from non-relatives. Including, but not limited to a counselor, teacher, coach, religious leader, or mentor. Please list names and telephone numbers below.

Name _____ Telephone Number _____

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All information submitted for review to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Selection & Awards Committee is confidential.

The application will not be considered unless all requested materials are provided in a sealed envelope by **Saturday, December 14, 2019**.

A completed scholarship packet includes the following materials:

1. Student's application form
2. Official sealed transcript from student's high school
3. Three (3) letters of recommendation (i.e., one from a counselor, and two from a teacher, coach, spiritual leader or mentor). Each should be signed and sealed individually.
4. One typed 5-paragraph essay using one of the following speeches: "Give Us the Ballot" (1957), "The Other America" (1967), or "Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break the Silence" (1967). These are inspiring speeches of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
5. Return completed packet in one legal size envelope to:

c/o Ruby Y. Kelly, Chairperson
Selection & Awards Committee
Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
Wesley United Methodist Church
741 State St. Springfield, MA 01109-4109

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship is awarded on Saturday, January 18, 2020. Please note that scholarship monies are distributed upon the successful completion of student's first semester in college.

When requesting your scholarship, send a copy of your grades and proof of full-time registration for the second semester. Scholarship money must be picked up by the first week in March 2021.

Applicant's Signature _____



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Critical Essay Instructions

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a prophetic visionary. He addressed the social ills of his time and gave people hope for a better future. Write a coherent 5-paragraph essay using one of the selected speeches: “Give Us the Ballot” (1957), “The Other America” (1967), or “Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break the Silence” (1967). In your essay, please address:

- How does this speech relate to current events of today?
- How can you apply Dr. King’s legacy to a solution for today?
- How will you be a part of his legacy and/or solution?

What are some parallels between what you would like to speak to and what King addressed in his speech? What about your "cause" gives you the most hope? How will you use your voice and talents to alleviate today’s social ills?

Your response must be a 5-paragraph essay, which should be between 650 - 800 words long. This essay should include an introductory paragraph, three supporting paragraphs, and a concluding paragraph. The format is typed, double spaced, 1-inch margins, and 12-point Times New Roman or similar font.

Your answer should be thoughtful, complete, and conform to standard rules of grammar. Be mindful that the quality and coherence of your essay is a deciding factor for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Selection & Awards Committee.

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3. What can you tell us about the applicant's character and personal qualities? Are there any special strengths or weaknesses that should be considered?

Please check the most appropriate boxes:

Characteristics being Evaluated	N/A	Below Average	Average	Good	Excellent	Outstanding (Top 5%)
Intellectual curiosity						
Creativity						
Self-discipline						
Leadership skills						
Self-confidence						
Sense of humor						
Concern for others						
Emotional maturity						
Personal initiative						
Reaction to setbacks						
Respect for others						
Social awareness						

Signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____ Position _____

Thank you for your time. Please write which recommendation you are giving in bold letters on the envelope (i.e., Coach, Teacher, Counselor, Mentor, or Pastor Recommendation).

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Teacher/ Coach/ Mentor/ Pastor Recommendation Form

To the applicant: Give this form to the individual that is writing your recommendation. Please read and complete the portion of this form that pertains to you and mail or drop-off the completed packet to the above address by **Saturday, December 14, 2019.**

Name: _____
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

Male: _____ Female _____ Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____

High School: _____

Coach/ Teacher/ Mentor/ Pastor: If you have already written similar comments about the student on another form, please feel free to attach a copy rather than answering the following three items.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what context?

2. What observations do you have about the applicant's community service and awareness of social issues?

3. What can you tell us about the applicant's character and personal qualities? Are there any special strengths or weaknesses that should be considered?

Please check the most appropriate boxes:

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Counselor Recommendation Form/School Report

To the applicant: Complete the top portion of this form that pertains to you. Afterwards, give this form to your guidance counselor to complete. Please include all recommendations in your application packet and return your completed application packet by Saturday, December 14, 2019.

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Male ___ Female ___ Date of Birth ____/____/____
Month Day Year High School _____

To be completed by the secondary school counselor:

A. This candidate ranks ____ in a group of ____, which is college prep only ____ or entire class ____.

This rank covers a period from _____ to _____.

If precise rank is not available, indicate rank to the nearest tenth from the top (counting one as the top): _____

B. How would you rate the curriculum pursued by this candidate in comparison to that pursued by the applicant's classmates?

Below average ____ Average ____ Demanding ____ Very demanding ____

C. Cumulative G.P.A. _____ through _____ semesters.

Please indicate how the candidate's G.P.A. is computed:

All Subjects ____ Academic Subjects Only ____ Weighted Rank ____

D. Your school's minimum passing grade: 60 ___ 65 ___ 70 ___ 75 ___
Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Scores:

<u>Verbal</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Date</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

E. Please use this space for any summary evaluations/ observations you feel ought to be made on behalf of this student's candidacy, or events that may bear on this applicant's application that may not be included in other documentation. (Duplicated reports are acceptable.)

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity? _____

Your Name (please print/type) _____ Position _____

Your Signature _____ Date _____

High School _____ Phone _____

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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