



# Ohio Civil Rights Commission 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art, Essay, & Multimedia Contest

The Ohio Civil Rights Commission is pleased to announce its annual statewide Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art, Essay & Multimedia Contest. This contest is intended to encourage students to reflect upon Dr. King's life, philosophy, and impact on the Civil Rights Movement and present day America. It is meant to challenge students to think about how civil rights and diversity affect their lives and how they can continue the work of Dr. King in their own way.

All Ohio students in grades 6-12 are invited to enter this contest and may submit one (1) entry per student. Students may choose which type of entry they wish to submit. **All contest entries must be accompanied by a clearly written official entry form, completed in its entirety. (Submissions will not be considered without a completed entry form.)**

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## CONTEST THEME

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**Contest Entries:** Dr. King was a leader because he spoke out when others were resigned to silence. Think about times in your life where you spoke out against an injustice. What impact did it leave on you and your community? Each participant in the art contest is invited to participate by creating work that creatively responds to the following question:

***When have you had or will you have the courage to speak out for something that truly matters?***

**Awards:** Contest winners will be invited to a public recognition ceremony where they will be presented with awards for their work.

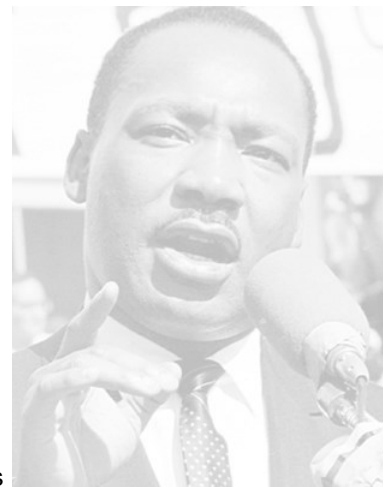
**Questions?** Call us at 888-278-7101 or visit us online at: [www.crc.ohio.gov](http://www.crc.ohio.gov).

All entries should be **emailed to [PACE@civ.ohio.gov](mailto:PACE@civ.ohio.gov) or received by mail\* no later than December 20, 2019 at 5:00 PM.**

Ohio Civil Rights Commission  
c/o Office of Public Affairs—MLK 2020  
30 E. Broad Street, 5th Floor  
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Contest rules and entry forms also available online at [www.crc.ohio.gov](http://www.crc.ohio.gov).

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# 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art, Essay, & Multimedia Contest Official Entry Form



PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

I am entering the (*check only one contest*):

- Art contest
- Essay contest
- Multimedia contest

**DEADLINE: DECEMBER 20, 2019**

The Ohio Civil Rights Commission  
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Columbus, OH 43215  
[pace@civ.ohio.gov](mailto:pace@civ.ohio.gov)

## Student Information

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Grade Level: 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 (*please check only one grade level*)

Student Name:

FIRST

LAST

Student E-Mail Address (if applicable):

Parent or Guardian Name:

FIRST

LAST

Parent or Guardian E-Mail Address (if applicable):

Home Address:

City:

Zip:

Phone Number: (     )

## School Information

School Name:

Address:

City:

Zip:

Phone Number:

Principal's Name:

FIRST

LAST

Teacher's Name:

FIRST

LAST

Teacher's email address:

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*Please complete the entire form. Submissions will not be considered without a completed entry form.*

*Forms, essays, and multimedia submissions can be emailed to [PACE@civ.ohio.gov](mailto:PACE@civ.ohio.gov)*

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## Art Contest Rules

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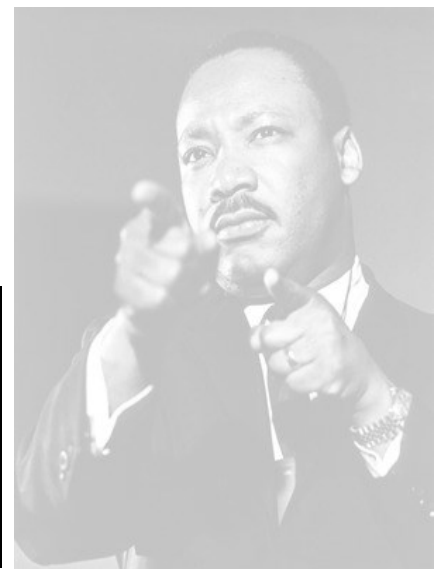
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- ◆ In addition to creating a poster to illustrate their idea, students must write a brief paragraph (on a separate piece of paper attached to the back of the artwork) to explain their illustration.
- ◆ All entries must have dimensions of 12 inches by 18 inches.
- ◆ Each student may submit only one entry, and each entry must be the original work of only one student.
- ◆ Pencils, crayons, pens, markers, or paints may be used. *No chalk please!*
- ◆ No sculpture or three-dimensional entries.
- ◆ Digital artwork is accepted, but all art must be the artist’s own creation.
- ◆ Each entry **must** be accompanied by a completed contest entry form attached to the artwork.
- ◆ Name and grade must be on artwork and attached paper.
- ◆ Entries submitted after the deadline will not be considered in the competition. Entries will not be returned.

**Winners will be selected according to the following criteria:**

*Originality*  
*Idea that generated art (attached brief paragraph)*  
*Relevance to theme*  
*Effective and creative expression*

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# 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art, Essay, & Multimedia Contest

## Multimedia Contest Rules

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- ◆ Submissions must be at least three and no more than ten minutes.
- ◆ Submissions that malfunction or do not meet the time requirements may be disqualified.
- ◆ Students may create and submit multimedia presentations as a group.
- ◆ Acceptable formats include DVD, CD-ROM, or PowerPoint (or similar computer program) presentations. Electronic files must be accessible/viewable through Microsoft Windows compatible programs.
- ◆ Entries that are deemed to infringe upon copyright protected material may be disqualified.
- ◆ Each student or group of students may submit only one entry.
- ◆ Each entry **must** be accompanied by a completed official contest entry form.
- ◆ Submissions and entry form may be submitted electronically to **PACE@civ.ohio.gov**.
- ◆ Entries submitted after the deadline will not be considered in the competition.
- ◆ Hard copies of entries will not be returned.

Winners will be selected according to the following criteria:

*Originality  
Presentation  
Relevance to theme  
Effective and creative expression*

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## Essay Contest Rules

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- ◆ Entries must be prose; no poetry, please.
- ◆ Essays may be typed or handwritten, but must be legible. Illegible essays will be disqualified.
- ◆ Pages must be single-sided with the student’s name appearing on the top left hand corner of each page.
- ◆ Each student may submit only one entry and each entry must be the original work of only one student.
- ◆ Each entry must be accompanied by an official contest entry form. (Stapled to the essay if hard copy is submitted).
- ◆ Essay submissions and entry forms may be electronically submitted to **[PACE@civ.ohio.gov](mailto:PACE@civ.ohio.gov)**
- ◆ There is no maximum or minimum length, however winning essays tend to be 1-2 typed pages.
- ◆ Entries that are deemed by the OCRC to infringe upon copyright protected material will be disqualified.
- ◆ Entries submitted after the deadline will not be considered in the competition.
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**Winners will be selected according to the following criteria:**

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*Writing quality*  
*Relevance to theme*  
*Effective and creative expression*

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