



2013 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ESSAY CONTEST ANNOUNCED



"Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals."

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Young writers who are inspired by Dr. King's life and his vision of uniting people for the good of all are invited to enter the 2013 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest.

Essay contest winners will have the opportunity to read their essays at the 22nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration to be held on Monday, January 21, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lawrence University Memorial Chapel on College Avenue in Appleton. The program theme for the 2013 celebration is "**Building a Just World.**" Winners in four brackets will be awarded \$50 from Toward Community: Unity in Diversity, \$25 from the University of Wisconsin - Fox Valley, a \$25 gift certificate from IndUS of the Fox Valley, and a \$10 gift certificate to Harmony Café.

Contest Guidelines:

- The adjective just is defined as "guided by truth, reason, justice and fairness." Administrators, teachers and parents are asked to encourage students to think about and write an essay on the following theme: "**How would you build a just world in your school or community?**"
- Contest categories by grade are: 2nd and 3rd, 4th through 6th, 7th through 9th, and 10th through 12th.
- Submissions may be in essay or poetry form and should not exceed one page. Do not write names on essays.
- Students should submit their essay along with a separate sheet of paper containing the writer's name, address, telephone number, school, and grade.
- Please do not use staples to attach the name and essay sheets.
- A panel of judges will critique the essays. Originality will be a critical factor in the judging process.

To Apply:

- Contest deadline is **4:30 p.m. Friday, December 7, 2012.**
- Submit entries to:
2013 King Essay Contest, c/o United Way Fox Cities, 1455 Midway Road, Menasha, WI 54952
- Call Gayle Hardt at (920) 954-7211 with questions or if you need to arrange for drop off of an essay before 4:30 on December 7th.
- Winners will be notified by phone. If the student's family does not have access to a phone, please make sure the home address is included on the sheet accompanying the essay so that the judges may notify the winner by mail.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration is sponsored by Toward Community: Unity in Diversity, Lawrence University, and a number of area churches, religious organizations, businesses, social service agencies and individuals. The King Celebration has been a unifying tradition in the Fox Valley since 1992. It is free and open to the public.