



Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission

August 31, 2015

Dear West Virginia Educators:

The West Virginia Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, in collaboration with Beta Beta Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is pleased to announce the 32nd Annual Poster Competition.

Each year students throughout the state of West Virginia have shared their artistic abilities by submitting their entries as a way of celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year the mission of the Martin Luther King, Jr. West Virginia Holiday Commission is to celebrate the occasion of the 32nd Annual Poster Competition as a means to depict the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The poster must focus on this famous quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: *“Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.”* Classroom teachers are asked to assist students in the development of original slogans/captions to be used in the development of the poster.

Official rules are available at: www.minorityaffairs.wv.gov/MLKCommission/POSTER_CONTEST

All entries must be postmarked on or before **December 1, 2015** and should be mailed to or delivered to:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Poster Contest
Attn: Patricia Wilson
627 Wallace Hall
West Virginia State University
Institute, WV 25112

Winning entries will be on display in the Great Hall of the WV Culture Center. Final information about winning entries will be sent to schools by January 15, 2016.

Sincerely,

Dr. Carolyn Stuart, Chairman
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
WEST VIRGINIA HOLIDAY COMMISSION

32nd ANNUAL POSTER CONTEST
(Guidelines for the 2016 Celebration)

The Annual Poster Competition is designed to celebrate the life and dream of Martin Luther King, Jr. and to reaffirm the American ideals of freedom, justice and opportunity for all.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all West Virginia residents (Students in grades K-12)

FORMAT

Student entries may be in any format. The style and the selected media must be explained on the attached entry form. Entries without this information will not be judged. An entry form must be taped to the back of the entry.

MEDIA

Pencil, crayon, pen and ink, water color, acrylic, serigraph wood block, photography and mixed media.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Each entrant is allowed only one entry. All entries will become the property of the Martin Luther King, Jr. West Virginia Holiday Commission. The poster must focus on this famous quotation from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. ***“Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.”***

AWARDS AND PRIZES

There will be three prizes (first, second and third) in each category:
Categories by Grade Level: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

CALENDAR

December 1, 2015 is the deadline for receipt of posters by mail or in person. Deliver or mail to:

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December 1-30, 2015: Judging of entries

January 15, 2016: Notification forwarded to poster contest winners

February 15-28, 2016: Winning posters will be exhibited at the WV Culture Center

