September 14, 2022

Dear West Virginia Educators:

The West Virginia Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, in collaboration with Beta Beta Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is pleased to announce the 39th 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 39th Annual Poster Competition as a means to depict the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The poster must focus on this quotation by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr:

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

Classroom teachers are asked to assist students in the development of original slogans/captions to be used in the development of the poster. All work must be original. If pictures are used to develop posters, the source must be given. The quote must be incorporated into the artistic work.

All entries must be received by Thursday, December 1, 2022. Entries may be mailed to or delivered to:

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

Cash prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners. 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 December 16, 2022.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Patricia Wilson, Chairman, Awards Committee
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission
39th ANNUAL POSTER CONTEST
(Guidelines for the 2023 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.

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 which may not exceed these dimensions: 36 inches by 48 inches. Each entry must be completed by one student. Posters that are submitted as a joint entry (completed by two or more students) will be disqualified. All entries will become the property of the Martin Luther King, Jr. West Virginia Holiday Commission. All work must be original and not created from the internet. Print the name of the student and the school on the back of the poster.

The poster must focus on this quotation by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr: “Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

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, 2022 is the deadline for receipt of posters by mail or delivery in person. Deliver or mail to:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Poster Contest
West Virginia Holiday Commission
Attn: Patricia Wilson
627 Wallace Hall
West Virginia State University
Institute, WV 25112

December 2-9, 2022: Judging of entries
December 16, 2022: Notification forwarded to poster contest winners
January – February 28, 2023: Winning posters will be exhibited at the WV Culture Center
2023 Poster Contest Entry Form
(DEADLINE: December 1, 2022)
(This form must be placed in an envelope and attached to the back of the poster)
ALL WORK MUST BE ORIGINAL AND MUST INCORPORATE THIS THEME:

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; Only love can do that."

(Please Print Legibly)

Student’s Name ______________________________________________________________
First Name              Middle Initial                Last Name

Current Grade Level in School___________________________________________

Parent’s Name_______________________________________________________________

Home Address______________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
City                                                                     State                             Zip code

Cell/Home Telephone________________________________E-mail_______________________

School________________________________________________

School Address______________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
City                                   State                            Zip code

School Telephone_____________________________School Fax_____________________________

Principal ___________________________________________________________________

Teacher’s name ______________________________________________________________

Teacher’s Email____________________(please include first and last name of teacher and principal)

Check One Category:
K-2______  3-5______  6-8______  9-12________

Describe the media used in the production of your artwork:
Parent/Guardian Media Consent Form

We are providing this parental consent form to request permission for your child’s personally identifiable information and original works on the Herbert Henderson Office of Minority Affairs (HHOMA) website and/or publications and/or on the Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission’s website and/or publications.

As you are aware, there are potential dangers associated with the posting of personally identifiable information on a website since global access to the Internet does not allow us to control who may access such information. These dangers have always existed; however, we do want to celebrate your child and their work. If you, as the parent or guardian, wish to rescind this agreement, you may do so at any time in writing by sending a letter to the director of HHOMA and such rescission will take effect upon receipt by HHOMA.

Check ONE of the following choices:

☐ I/We GRANT permission to have BOTH my child’s name AND image, school name, original works, and achievements published on the HHOMA and Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission’s website and/or publications.

☐ I/We GRANT permission to have EITHER my child’s name OR image (but not both together), original works, and achievements published on the HHOMA and Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission’s website and/or publications.

☐ I/We DO NOT GRANT permission to have my child’s name, image, school name, original works, and/or achievements published on the HHOMA and Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission’s website and/or publications.

Print all of the information below:

Child’s Name___________________________________________________________________

School: _________________________________________________________________________

Print name of Parent/Guardian: (PRINT) ____________________________________________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian: (SIGN) ______________________________________________________

Relation to Child: ______________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: ____________________________________________________________

City: ______________ State: _______ Zip code: _______

Date: ___________________ Email: ________________________________________________________

Telephone Number______________________________________________________________

This completed form must accompany the application. Entries will not be judged if this form is not attached. Please place this form and the Poster Entry Form in an envelope and attach the envelope to the poster. THIS FORM MUST BE IN AN INDIVIDUAL ENVELOPE WITH THE APPLICATION AND MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE BACK OF THE POSTER. DO NOT STAPLE THE ENVELOPE.