



Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission

September 16, 2024

Dear West Virginia Educators:

The West Virginia Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, in collaboration with Beta Beta Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is pleased to announce the 41st 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 41st 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: “At the center of non-violence stands the principle of love.”**

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 famous quote must be incorporated into the artistic work.

All entries must be received by Friday, December 6, 2024. Entries may be mailed to or delivered to:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Poster Contest
Attn: Patricia Wilson
PO Box 382
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 December 19, 2024. Awards will be presented on Saturday, January 18, 2025 at the Culture Center in the State Capitol Complex in Charleston, WV.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Patricia Wilson, Chairman, Awards Committee
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission
Email: akappw@gmail.com



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State Holiday Commission

41st ANNUAL POSTER CONTEST (Guidelines for the 2025 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). **Poster size cannot exceed 36 inches by 48 inches.**

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, watercolor, 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: “At the center of non-violence stands the principle of love.”

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 6, 2024 is the deadline for receipt of posters by mail or delivery in person. Deliver or mail to:

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December 9-13, 2024: Judging of entries

December 19, 2024: Notification forwarded to poster contest winners **via text or email**

January – February 28, 2025: Winning posters will be exhibited at the WV Culture Center

2025 Poster Contest Entry Form
(DEADLINE: December 6, 2024)

(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:

The poster must focus on this quotation by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr: “At the center of non-violence stands the principle of love.”

(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 _____

Please print the student's name on the back of the poster.
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 FORM.