



# The Martin L. King, Jr. ESSAY CONTEST

Essay Contest Theme:

“Grace and Perseverance Under Pressure”

*“It takes empathy, patience,  
and compassion to overcome  
anger, hatred, and  
resentment.”*

*- Martin L. King, Jr.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** \$500 Gift Card

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** \$300 e-Gift Card

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** \$200 e-Gift Card

First Place Winner will read their essay at the  
**44<sup>th</sup> Annual MLK Jr. Tribute**  
event (in-person) on  
**Thursday, January 12, 2023**  
at the

**Genesys Banquet and Conference Center**

**Eligibility and Important Information:**

- Participant must be in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>
- Essay must be at least 250 words typed in Times New Roman, font size 12, and double-spaced on numbered, single-sided pages.
- The name of the submitter, phone number and school in the upper right-hand corner on the **FIRST** page
- Use of profanity will be a disqualifier

**Essays must be postmarked NO LATER  
than December 9, 2022**

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