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Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission
**Martin Luther King, Jr. Contest
Application Form**

Essay Contest Poster Contest Oratory Contest

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By signing, you agree to allow the Howard County Office of Human Rights and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission to publicize contest results including your information (name, grade and school), speech, essay, artwork, contest photos, performance and videos, as well as provide your contact information to any news media interested in stories about contest winners.

**Please Return This Form and Submission (Essay, Artwork, Video or Speech)
by October 30, 2020 at 5:00 PM.**

Submissions may be emailed to MLK@HOWARDCOUNTYMD.GOV or delivered to the Howard County Office of Human Rights at 9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 237, Columbia, MD 21046.

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I have personally never stood up against injustice, however, I will gladly speak up about it because no one should ever feel like they have to be a certain skin color or feel like they have to be a certain weight or gender! If I was getting discriminated against, I would tell them that it's disrespectful. But, I would not want to say something rude back or try to start anything because that is just stooping to their level. However, if it was someone else who was getting discriminated against, I would immediately protect him/her from the situation. I would take them away and make sure they are okay. Then I would tell the person who was discriminating against him/her that it is not okay.

Ever since I have heard of Martin Luther King, Jr. in school he has always been an inspiration to me! Whenever we read books about him, I am excited! He worked so hard to help change the world. Because of him, I know a lot about equality and how to deal with discrimination and issues that have not only been happening in the United States, but worldwide. Even though I haven't stood against injustice there are still many issues that I would like to talk about. But first let's talk about Martin Luther King Jr!

Martin Luther King, Jr. was an amazing man. He boycotted, protested, and made many different speeches. Because of King and so many others, all races are allowed to go to school together, they do not separate bathrooms and restaurants by race anymore and so much more! I am extremely grateful for him because he changed a lot in the world. But now it is our generation's turn to take a stand against discrimination!

I think that there are a lot of different topics we should start talking about in school especially since we are getting older. For example, we should start talking about different cultures more because there are many different beautiful cultures in our school and it would be fun and interesting to learn about them! We should also learn more about black history, native history and so many more. We should start learning about these things because a lot of us had ancestors who were alive during that time and we want to know what they had to go through.

As a lot of you may know, there have been many protests to stand up for equality. People are getting killed and discriminated against because of their skin color, gender, and religion! For example, George Floyd died because of his skin color. It makes me sick to know that someone can die because of these things. This needs to stop now.

There are so many things we can do to prevent and spread awareness about the discrimination that is happening in the world! For example, we can boycott brands that have discriminated against people! Also, you can sign petitions and tell friends and family about what is happening in the world right now! Lastly, remember to respect everyone's opinions because listening to someone else could change what you think of something. Lastly, you can vote! Every single

vote matters!

In conclusion, I am beyond thankful for Martin Luther King Jr. and so many others who have helped but there are many issues that need to be talked about still!