
Rev Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Application

History and Guidelines

History of Scholarship:

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship was established in 1973 to promote the memory of the life and work of Dr. King and to preserve the legacy of the nonviolent human rights movement as it was expressed in his life and teachings.

It is the hope of the committee that all recipients will explore how problems such as racism, sexism, classism, militarism, ageism, and prejudice in our schools, cities, nation, and world, can be confronted effectively and peacefully.

The Martin Luther King Scholarship awards are given based on the following criteria:

1. How applicant has implemented and plans to implement the goals of Dr. King as described in his/her essay.
2. Evidence of service to:
 - a. School
 - b. Faith community
 - c. Society

(Please provide specific examples of your service in each of these 3 areas and explain how your service reflects the ideals of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr).
3. Academic record
4. Personal goals
5. Financial need

Finalists will be required to meet for an interview with committee members. The interview will be a significant determining factor in awarding the scholarship. Responses to the above criteria will determine if you are granted an interview.

In order to receive the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship, you must be: (1) a high school senior or high school graduate preparing for the first year of college; (2) a resident of, or a member of a religious institution in, Albany or southern Rensselaer counties; (3) accepted by an accredited college or university.

To apply, submit the following:

1. Completed application form.
2. High school transcript.
3. Copy of the student financial aid summary and FAFSA form.
4. Recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor.
5. Recommendation from a religious leader.
6. 500 word essay: 2 typed pages, double- spaced.

Essay Guidelines:

The teachings of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. focus on racial justice and nonviolent social change. Please write an essay in 500 words (**two typed pages, double-spaced with at least two referenced sources**) on what you understand about those teachings and how you might promote his ideals in your life. Your essay will be judged on:

- a. **Creative content** – Did the applicant utilize a personal prospective or point of view?
- b. **Idea development & focus** – Was the idea developed to the fullest extent? Was the essay coherent and rational? Did the applicant remain focused?
- c. **Writing style** – Includes format, spelling, punctuation. Any grammatical or spelling errors will reduce your score.

Rev Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Application (cont. Pg 2)

Capital Area Council of Churches
646 State Street, Albany, New York 12203
Application deadline is March 31.

Name: _____ Date of birth: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Date: _____

Religious affiliation and/or membership: _____

School Activity	Grade (9/10/11/12)	Hours per week	Leadership Role
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Honors/Awards (Please indicate year received)

Work Experience

Employer	Position Held	Employment Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Community Service

Organization	Duties	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Rev Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Application (cont. Pg 3)

Hobbies and interests: _____

Vocational interests: _____

College or university you plan to attend: _____

Have you been accepted? (Check one) Yes No - Will you be a full time student? (Check one) Yes No

Financial assistance you hope to receive from family. \$_____ Income you hope to earn through employment \$_____

Other scholarship or award money received: \$_____ Student/school loans you will receive: \$_____

Total number of family members: ____ brothers: ____ sisters: ____ Number attending college: (Including yourself) ____

Will family contribute more than 10% of yearly income towards your college cost? (Check one) Yes No

Yearly family income: \$_____

Applicant Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Please note: All information must be completed for the application to be processed. **Only submit requested information.** Recommendations from a school official and a religious leader should include knowledge of you and your ability to study on a college or university level.

Capital Area Council of Churches, 646 State St., Albany, NY 12203 – 518.462.5450 Phone/Fax –
E-mail CapAreaCC@aol.com

ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN THE APPLICATION WILL BE TREATED CONFIDENTIALLY.

You may attach additional pages as needed