

Howard County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission



Middle & High School Essay Contest



Contest Rules

- Participants must be Howard County Middle School and High School students.
- Essays must be: typed, single-spaced, 500 words or less, and submitted as a PDF file. 12pt Times New Roman or Arial font.
- Submissions must include completed application with student's name, address, phone number, school, grade, and email address.
- The application must also be submitted with each submission.
- Students with disabilities may submit entries using other media and/or visual presentations.

2027 MLK Celebration Theme:
"Let us build the future through stones of hope."

Prizes:

1st Place - MS: \$150 / HS: \$200
2nd Place - MS: \$100 / HS: \$150
3rd Place - MS: \$50 / HS: \$100

Deadline:

Entries must be submitted via email by
5:00pm EST, Oct. 30, 2026 to MLK@howardcountymd.gov.

For More Information

Call (410) 313-6430 or Email MLK@howardcountymd.gov

<https://bit.ly/MLKCONTEST27>
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