

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



Middle & High School Oratory Contest



Contest Rules

- Open to all Howard County Middle or High School students.
- Submissions must include a video link (YouTube, Google drive, Canva, etc.) of the student performing the speech, a double-spaced typed version of the speech submitted as a PDF file and completed application attached.
- The speech should clearly reflect the theme's message
- Speeches are limited to 2-3 minutes.

2027 MLK Celebration Theme:

"Let us build the future through stones of hope."

1st place winners will be invited to perform their speeches at the MLK Celebration.

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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