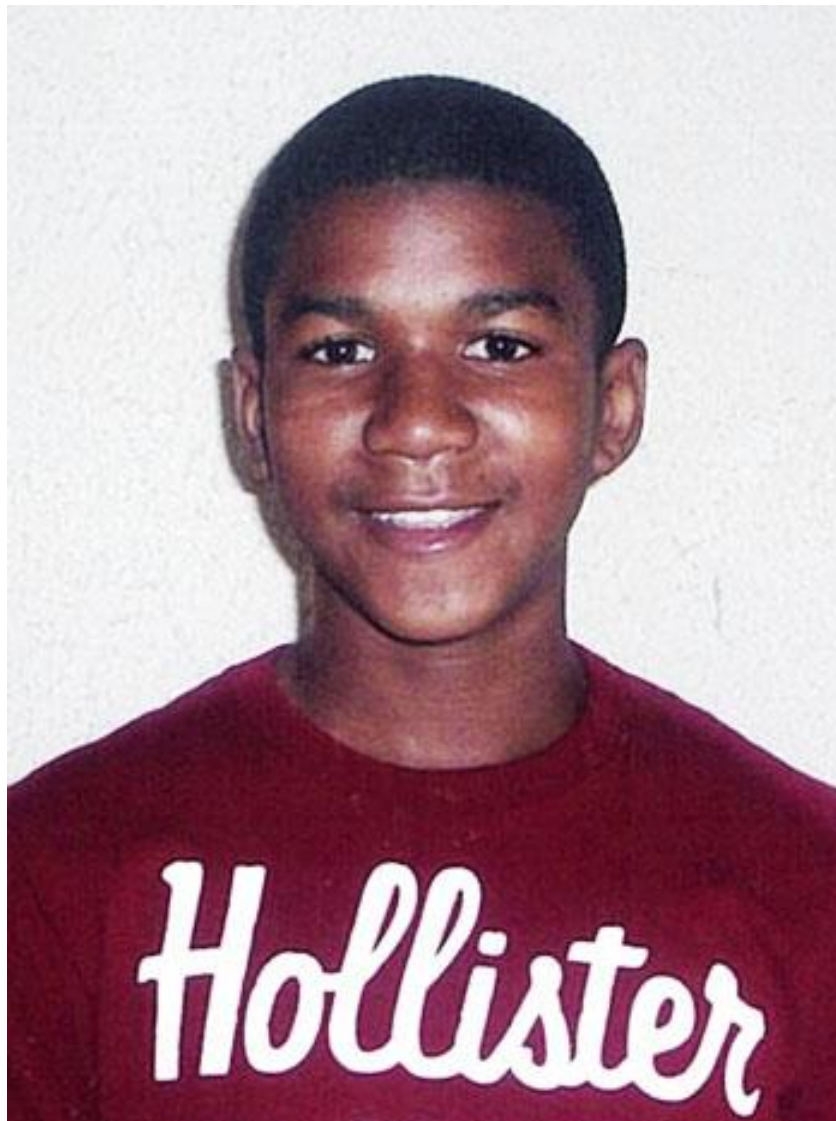


The Martin Luther King 50th Anniversary Committee  
Presents the 2018



**Trayvon Martin Memorial Award Application**  
**Submission Deadline: November 20, 2017**

*Post Office Box 11453  
Daytona Beach, Florida 32120*

MLK Celebration for Florida Inc. is a 501 (c) 3 Not-for Profit Organization

## OVERVIEW:

The loss of Trayvon Martin's life was a horrific wake up call to us all. This tragedy transcends age, race, religion and social status and has resulted in spirited and serious discussions of the impact of the absence of civility and the meaning of the phrase "and justice for all."

His mother, Sybrina Fulton, was asked, "What three things do you want for Trayvon?" She replied, "*I want Trayvon to find peace, I want him to walk with God and I want a legacy that lives on forever.*" We are determined to promote a positive result from such a senseless event.

Because personal and family issues have had a disproportionate impact on African American students, we accept our responsibility to help them overcome these negatives and recognize that a good education will help them realize a future of success.

Trayvon's parents asked to honor the memory of their son by making this annual award to a graduating senior whose high school academic achievements, though not stellar, show potential, improvement and show that she/he deserves encouragement and support.

Graduating seniors from Volusia County high schools are invited to compete for this **\$750.00** award. The purpose of the award is to assist the recipient with expenses to attend a postsecondary, or a technical school. The application is also available online at [www.volusiamlk.org](http://www.volusiamlk.org)

Our committee will review all submissions and rank applicants based on the attached criteria.

The Committee will award the scholarships at our annual banquet on the evening of January 13, 2018. Scholarship checks will be disbursed with proof of acceptance and class registration for the fall 2018 term.

# Award Requirements

1. High School graduate accepted to a college, vocational or technical school
2. Cumulative high school GPA of **2.5 - 2.9**
3. Official School Transcript (in a sealed envelope)
4. A 500-word essay on the challenges or obstacles that the applicant has had to overcome while pursuing your education and your plans to make a positive contribution to unify, heal and work for greater justice in our community.
5. Three (3) separate letters of recommendations from non-family members which encompass (1) Verification of your role in community activities (2) describe/list involvement in extra-curricular activities in school (3) teacher recommendation. **All letters must be on official letterhead. Please clearly delineate on each letter whether it is community, extra-curricular or teacher recommendation.**
6. Photo Release Form signed by a parent or guardian.
7. Attendance at the MLK Banquet on Saturday, January 13, 2018.\*
8. Attendance at the MLK Inter-Faith Service, Sunday, January 14, 2018.\*
9. Attend the MLK breakfast and Festival, Monday, January 15, 2018.\*
10. Participation in a community service project, volunteering a minimum of 5 hours. These hours must be served between January-July, 2018. A suggested community service list is provided.
11. Acceptance and enrollment verification on university/college letterhead at an accredited institution of higher education for the fall of 2018 term. These documents should be submitted as soon as it becomes available.

**\*Event dates/locations are subject to change.**

**Completed Application Packets should be mailed to:**

Martin Luther King Celebration for Florida, Inc.

C/O MLK Scholarship Committee

*Post Office Box 11453*

*Daytona Beach, Florida 32120*

For more information, contact:

Gina Stafford at [cffmlkscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:cffmlkscholarship@gmail.com)

**NOTE: AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS IS THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST MEET ALL CRITERIA TO RECEIVE THE AWARD. INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS CAN RECEIVE ONLY ONE MLK SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE.**

Scholarship Application  
Deadline-November 20, 2017

**\*Incomplete Applications will not be processed**

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Middle Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female

Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Citizen:  Yes  No Volusia County Resident:  Yes  No

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected high school graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied to a College/University:  Yes  No if yes, have you been accepted:  Yes No

School you wish to attend: \_\_\_\_\_ Career Goal: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Agreement**

It is understood that false statements on this application shall be sufficient cause for application rejection. I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that all information on this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I \_\_\_\_\_, understand that if I am awarded this scholarship I must submit the following information or the scholarship will be forfeited.

Verification of Community Service hours completed between January and July, 2018  
2018 acceptance letter from the college or university I am attending  
Fall 2018 class schedule

I, \_\_\_\_\_, authorize the MLK Committee to share my information on this form with Sponsors of the scholarships.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

***\*All information will be kept in the strictest of confidence.***

## Authorization Photo Release Form

As a scholarship recipient the MLK Committee will be taking photos of students, student activities, etc. The committee reserves the right to use these photos for news releases, the website, sponsorships, program-related video and slide presentations, marketing purposes, etc.

The MLK Committee feels that these are legitimate opportunities for students to be in the “lime light” and also promote the opportunities of scholarships provided within the community.

- Yes, I grant permission for the MLK Committee to use my child’s photo for the publications listed above.
- No, do not use my child’s photo.

Child’s Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Volunteer Opportunities

- **Halifax Urban Ministries (Volunteers must be at least 18 years old)**
  - (386)252-0156
  - [VC@halifaxurbanministries.org](mailto:VC@halifaxurbanministries.org)
  
- **Public Library**
  - <http://volusialibrary.org/volunteer/students.html>
  - This website gives you the application and the email address of your local library.
  
- **Second Harvest Food Bank**
  - <http://shfbcf.volunteerhub.com/Events/Index>
  - This website lists the steps for registering and the volunteer events.