

# REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



## 2020 Scholarship Application Packet

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

**“Empowering Our Youth-To Move Forward”**

**Application Submission Deadline: November 15, 2019**

## **OVERVIEW:**

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration for Florida Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the awarding of scholarships in the amount of **\$1,000** to honor the life and legacy of the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to Volusia County high school students in the graduating class of 2021.

Our goal is to assist the scholarship recipients with expenses while attending a postsecondary institution.

The scholarship committee will review all application information and rank applicants based on the attached criteria.

Recipients will be introduced at the annual banquet the evening of January 16, 2020. Scholarship checks will be disbursed with proof of acceptance and class registration for the fall 2020 term.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 15, 2019

# Scholarship Requirements

1. Volusia County high school graduate
2. Cumulative High School GPA of 3.0 or greater
3. Official High School transcript (in a sealed envelope)
4. Completion of a 500-word essay based on the topic below. *The essay must be approximately 1-2 pages and typed in a 12-point font.*

***If Dr. King had 20/20 vision, what relevant issues would he consider in Empowering Our Youth to Move Forward and how would he do so?***

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. Acceptance and enrollment verification on university/college letterhead at an accredited institution of higher education for the fall 2020 semester. These documents should be submitted as soon as they are available.

**Recipients of the Scholarship must also:**

8. Attend the MLK Gospel Explosion on Sunday January 12, 2020 at 4:00p.m.
9. Attend the MLK Banquet on Thursday January 16, 2020 at 7:00p.m.
10. Attend the MLK Worship Service on Sunday January 19, 2020 at 4:00p.m.
11. Attend the Breakfast, March and Festival on Monday January 20, 2020 beginning 8:00a.m.
12. Participate in a day of service project. TBA
13. Participate in community service, volunteering a minimum of 5 hours. These hours must be served between January 27-July 10, 2020.

**\*Event dates could be subject to change**

**Completed application and information must 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

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*\*Incomplete Applications will not be processed*

Personal Information

\*Martin Luther King, Jr.

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 High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

College/University you wish to attend: \_\_\_\_\_ Career Goal: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 27, and July 10, 2020
- 2020 acceptance letter from my college or university
- Fall 2020 class schedule

I, \_\_\_\_\_ authorize the MLK Committee to share my information with scholarship sponsors.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

*All information will kept in strict confidence.*

# Photo Release Authorization Form

As a scholarship recipient, The MLK Celebration for Florida, Inc. 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.

We feel that these are legitimate opportunities for students to be in the “lime light” and promote the opportunities of scholarships provided within the community.

Yes, I grant permission to use my child’s photo for the purposes listed above.

No, do not use my student’s photo.

Student’s Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_