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## NEW JERSEY

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Commemorative Commission Presents

Looking Back at Dr. King's 1964 Nobel Peace Prize Speech

MLK SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY COMPETITION

# APPLY NOW!

## DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 15TH 5PM

Ten \$5,000 SCHOLARSHIPS will be offered  
to New Jersey high school seniors.

### ABOUT SCHOLARSHIP

- The New Jersey Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission is proud to offer ten (10) scholarships to current high school seniors who are NJ residents in the amount of \$5,000 per student.
  - The scholarships will be awarded based on review of application by the independent reviewers appointed by the Commission.
  - Applications will only be accepted via online form.
  - Only one (1) entry per student.
  - Funds are disbursed directly to schools/institutions.
  - TIP: Write essay in word processing program, then copy and paste finished essays into application.
- \*\*Applicants selected for final review will be asked to provide:
- Two (2) letters of reference from teachers, advisers, clergy and/or representatives of community-based service programs.
  - Official High School Transcript from 11th Grade.

### QUESTIONS

- Please email: [MLKCommission@sos.nj.gov](mailto:MLKCommission@sos.nj.gov)

### ESSAY TOPICS

- **How does the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. inspire you as you think about your future?** (100 to 300 words)
- **Please tell us about your service to others during your high school years.** (100 to 300 words)
- **Sixty years ago, in 1964, Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway, please reflect on the quotes below from the speech and share your thoughts about their relevance in 2024.** (100 to 300 words)

"I accept this award today with an abiding faith in America and an audacious faith in the future of mankind. ...I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality.

...I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture of their minds, and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits.

...I still believe that we shall overcome. This faith can give us courage to face the uncertainties of the future. It will give our tired feet new strength as we continue our forward stride toward the city of freedom."

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