



T.H. Rogers School

10th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Poetry and Art Contest

DEADLINE for contest entry: Monday, January 24, 2022

An esteemed Baptist minister, organizer of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, advocate for the poor and non-violence, Nobel Peace Prize Winner, and revered leader of the historic March on Washington are but a few of the most notable accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Signed into law in January 1983 by President Ronald Reagan, the national Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday is a celebration of Dr. King's immeasurable contribution to America and mankind. In recognition of Dr. King's birthday and legacy, T.H. Rogers School is sponsoring an art and poetry contest. The theme for this year is

"LIFE'S MOST PERSISTENT AND URGENT QUESTION: WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR OTHERS?" The theme provides students with an opportunity to reflect on Dr. King's vision for America and impact on our society.

Participating Grade Levels

Kindergarten through 8th Grade

All entries must be labeled with:

- 1) The student's name, grade level, and homeroom teacher's name.
- 2) The contest category entered: ART or POETRY

The first, second, and third place winners' entries for the art and poetry contests will also remain on display throughout the month of February in recognition of Black History Month.

Submissions on posters boards should be on standard size boards (20x24).

Judging will take place during the week of January 31st. Winners will be announced on February 4, 2022. All entries will be returned to the students in early March.

Submissions will be based on the following criteria:

POETRY

- 1) Message and Interest (support the theme)
- 2) Technical Excellence (rhyme, meter, assonance, and alliteration)
- 3) Form and Flow
- 4) Word Choice and Readability
- 5) Overall Impact (originality, polish, and expression)

ART

- 1) Creativity and Originality
- 2) Quality (design, composition, and technique)
- 3) Clarity of Theme
- 4) Presentation of the Art Piece
- 5) Overall Impact (expression and inspiration)

All prizes will be awarded in three categories:

Kinder-2nd, 3rd-5th, and 6th-8th grades

1st PLACE WINNERS

2nd PLACE WINNERS

3rd PLACE WINNERS

Submit entries to the West Office no later than **Monday, January 24, 2022.**

For further information, please contact:

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