

Essay Contest Entry Form

First Name

Last Name

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Phone Number

Parent/Guardian Email Address

Grade in school

Age

If School

Entry:

School Name

Teacher's Name

(Pick-up services are available for submissions of 5 or more – teachers please call and leave message at 970-985-1688)

Contest Rules:

- Only 1 entry per student
- Student must live in Mesa County
- Essay must be composed/ written by the student only
- Essay must be submitted by the deadline time and date
- Essay Entry Form must be filled out completely, and have essay attached.

Essay Guidelines: ◦Essay must be typed on plain white, 8 ½" x 11" paper (regular copy paper), using size 12 font, double spaced.

◦Essay topic must relate to this year's theme, *Speak Justice; Do Justice.*

◦Essay length must adhere to *age group requirement,*

6th-8th Grade: 200-400 words or approximately 1 - 1.5 pages

9th-12th Grade: 300-500 words or approximately 1.5 - 2 pages

College: 500-600 words or approximately 2-3 pages

◦Include a bibliography if needed, but do not count it as part of the essay length

Presented by the Grand Junction group
Black Citizens and Friends,

The 2021 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Essay Contest

This year's theme is:

“Speak Justice; Do Justice”

from the quote:

“When you see something that is not right, not fair, not just, you have to speak up. You have to say something, you have to do something.”

-John Lewis

Contest Information:

- Judges will examine use of/exploration of this year's theme, content, organization, sentence fluency, voice, word choice, and writing conventions when making their decisions.
- Top three winners in each category receive a prize, the following three semi-finalists will receive a certificate of recognition.
- Winners will be announced at the MLK Jr. Community Dinner on Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021 at 4pm, or at the MLK Event on Monday, Jan. 18th, 2021, or by Virtual of the Event.
- Winners not present at the dinner announcement will be notified no later than Friday, Jan. 31, 2021 (using the contact information provided with submission).
- Winning essays may be published on the MLK Jr. Celebration website

Prizes for Essay Winners
\$20*

1st place - \$50, 2nd place - \$30*, 3rd place -*

**Gift cards given in stated amounts.*

Entry Deadline: 5pm Friday, January 13, 2021 – all locations

In Grand Junction: Submissions accepted at the Basil T. Knight Center, 596 N. Westgate Drive to Denice Cording Laird.

BC&F PO Box 3774, Grand Junction, CO 81502

In Fruita: Submissions accepted at the Lithic Bookstore & Gallery, 138 S. Park Square #202.