

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Essay Contest



To encourage Kettering residents to reflect on the life and teachings of Dr. King and to promote his dream and legacy for America, the Board of Community Relations is sponsoring an essay contest for Kettering students.

The prompt is as follows: Write about how Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. would have responded to current events such as the Charlottesville rally, professional athletes taking a knee during the National Anthem, national politics or other recent events. Support your opinion with his statements or speeches. Citations recommended.

Contest Criteria:

- Open to students in grades 6 through 12 who reside in or attend any school in Kettering.
- Written essay submissions may be of any genre (poetry, fiction, non-fiction), and this year for the 1st time video essays will be accepted.
- Submissions of written essays must be typewritten with 12-point font, doubled-spaced, and have 1" margins. Submissions should be at least 1 page but no more than 3 pages on 8½x 11 paper. Video essays should last no more than 3 minutes. Videos can be submitted on a flash drive or emailed **with the application form included**.
- Submissions must be received by Friday, February 9, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.
- Submissions may be hand delivered between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to the City Government Center. Submissions may be mailed to the Kettering Government Center, ATTN: Board of Community Relations, 3600 Shroyer Road, Kettering, OH 45429. Submissions can be emailed to KBOCR@ketteringoh.org.
- Winners will be divided into appropriate age groups (depending on the number of submissions received) and will be determined by members of the Board of Community Relations.
- Winners will be invited to attend a February City Council meeting for recognition.
- Submissions must include the application form below and will not be returned.
- Submissions that do not meet the criteria, that plagiarize others' work, or that do not include a complete application form will not be considered.

Application Form

Name: _____ Age/Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

School: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Numbers: _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

Your Email Address: _____