

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. *Writing 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 a writing contest for Kettering students.

To many, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is only a figure in history books. But Dr. King's teachings of love, hope and peace are timeless. Think about a situation that is familiar to you today, and how his teachings could be impactful. Choose from one of the following prompts:

- 1) *Think about stressful situations (bullying, peer pressure, addiction, food insecurity, etc.) you might experience in your daily life. Illustrate how Dr. King's message of love, hope and peace could help you cope.*
- 2) *Reflecting on Dr. King's message of justice and morality, what do you think it means to "do the right thing"? Why do you think people often choose to do what's easy instead of what's right? Share a story about yourself or someone you know who did what's right, even when it's difficult—just as Dr. King did.*

Contest Criteria:

- Open to students in grades 6 through 12 who reside in or attend any school in Kettering.
- Writing submissions may be of any genre (poetry, fiction, non-fiction).
- Submissions must be submitted by Friday, January 31, 2020.
- **Submissions must be made online at <https://forms.gle/ADmnCPPoem86Cw76>**
- 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.
- First place winners will be invited to attend a February City Council meeting for recognition and receive an Amazon gift card.
- Submissions that do not meet the criteria, that plagiarize others' work, or that do not include a complete application form will not be considered.
- Written submissions may be shared publicly with the student and parents' permission.