

# The Wake Forest Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commemoration

**Annual community commemoration recognizing students in the Wake Forest/Rolesville Schools**

October 10,2024

The 30th Annual Wake Forest Martin Luther King, Jr (MLK) Holiday Commemoration will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2025 at Friendship Chapel Baptist Church. The MLK Committee is again offering a slate of contests for students in the Wake Forest/Rolesville area Schools. This is an opportunity for our communities to come together and recognize the talents of students in our schools. The contest consists of Performances (dancing, singing or speaking), Writing (essays and poetry) and Art (drawing and painting). **The contests are based on this year's theme.**

**Theme: "Forgiveness is not an occasional act; it is a constant attitude."** -- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Thanks in advance for your participation!

This year, a minimum of three \$1,000.00 scholarships will be offered to graduating high school seniors toward post-secondary education.

Areas of performance are listed below.

Students will have an opportunity to demonstrate their talents by:

## **Performing:**

- Dancing to songs where the lyrics and choreography embody the life and legacy of Dr. King.
- Singing songs that express the ideas and life of Dr. King.
- Reciting one of Dr. King's speeches; or reciting original poetry or a short story written by the student about the life and legacy of Dr. King. (The author may have another student recite their poetry during judging).

## **Writing:**

The student's writing should be in support of one of the following prompts centered around this year's theme.

- Racial Equality
- Social Awareness
- Education

## **Creative Art:**

Artwork should illustrate the life and legacy of Dr. King or relate to the Program's theme.

The Contest details and a registration form are on the next page.

## **Important Dates:**

- Student's work and registration form must be uploaded by Friday, January 10, 2025.
- Contest winners will be notified by Friday, January 17, 2025
- Contest winners will be recognized on Thursday, January 23, 2025 @ Friendship Chapel Baptist Church, 237 Friendship Chapel Rd., Wake Forest, NC.

We are looking forward to receiving lots of entries and enjoying the talents of our students!

**The Wake Forest Martin Luther King, Jr. 2025 Contests  
for students in the Wake Forest / Rolesville Area Schools**

Program Theme:

**"Forgiveness is not an occasional act; it is a constant attitude." -Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Creative Performance	Writing	Art
<p>Students should dance or sing with emotion and inspiration. The song lyrics and/or the choreography should embody the life and legacy of Dr. King</p> <p>The spoken performances should be recited with passion. The performances can be an original speech by Dr. King or the recitation of poetry or a short story written by the student about the life of Dr. King.</p>	<p>Students may submit essays and original poetry. The work must be based on one of the following prompts and centered around the Program's theme:  <b>"Forgiveness is not an occasional act; it is a constant attitude."—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Racial Equality</li> <li>2) Social Awareness</li> <li>3) Education</li> </ol>	<p>Artwork should illustrate Dr. King's life and commitment to equality, freedom, justice and non-violent social change.</p> <p>Entries should be hand rendered (drawn or painted). Any size is acceptable.</p> <p>A summary explanation <u>must</u> be included with your art work. It must be legible.</p>
Elementary /Middle / High	Elementary /Middle / High	Elementary /Middle / High
<p>Students will be judged on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Song choice and choreography</li> <li>• Originality of the performance</li> <li>• Performer's connection with the audience</li> <li>• The routine's relation to the</li> <li>• Program's theme or life and ideas of Dr. King</li> </ul> <p>Routines must be long enough to emphasize the performer's message but not longer than 3 minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A video of your performance must be uploaded to the website</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Middle/High School students</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum of two double-spaced typed pages</li> </ul> <p><b>Elementary School students</b></p> <p>Minimum of one double-spaced typed page</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ideas should be well organized with good transition to each idea</li> <li>• Essay must relate to the theme</li> <li>• Historical facts to support the paper should be used</li> <li>• Good grammar and punctuation must be used</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A Word doc or PDF of your entry must be uploaded to the website</b></li> </ul>	<p>Students will be judged on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How the artwork relates to the theme or how it illustrates the life and legacy of Dr. King</li> <li>• Originality and creativity</li> <li>• <b>A picture of your artwork along with a written narrative of its meaning must be uploaded to the website</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place monetary awards will be given in following categories</b> (other categories can be given at the judges' discretion)</p>		
<p>Elementary (grades K-2)                      Elementary (grades 3-5)                      Middle School                      High School</p>	<p>Elementary (grades 3-5)                      Middle School                      High School</p>	<p>Elementary (grades K-2)                      Elementary (grades 3-5)                      Middle School                      High School</p>