

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
COMMISSION OF MID-MICHIGAN**



2024 Mark S. McDaniel Legacy Scholarship

Presented by



DATE: October 11, 2023
TO: School Administrators, Guidance Counselors, and Community Leaders
FROM: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commission of Mid-Michigan
RE: **Scholarship Contest: An Opportunity for Students**

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commission of Mid-Michigan is pleased to announce our **2024 Mark S. McDaniel Legacy Scholarship Contest!!!** A total of \$17,500 in awards is available to graduating seniors of the greater Lansing area pursuing higher education. The Commission is excited about this opportunity to invest into the lives of our future leaders.

The Commission will be presenting two (2) First Place awards for \$5,000 and three (3) Finalists awards for \$2,500 each. Contestants must write an essay (*other submission materials required are outlined on the application*) reflecting on our theme:

The Measure of a Country's Greatness is its Ability to Retain Compassion in Times of Crisis. Thurgood Marshall

All applications that meet the minimum requirements will be considered for all awards. Winning entries are assessed by an independent panel of educators and community leaders. To enter the contest, interested students must fill out the attached application and qualify based on the following criteria:

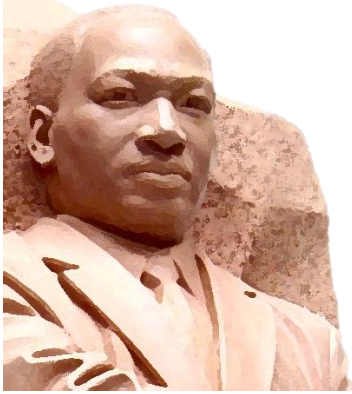
- Be a graduating senior, Class of 2024, from a greater Lansing area school
- Possess a 2.0 or higher career GPA (verification required).
- **Submit an essay narrative expounding on theme (250-450 words, typed, double spaced, and 12-point font).**
- **Submit a personal statement (no more than one page typed) indicating why he/she feels they should be considered for the scholarship.**
- Resume
- **Note: Award recipients must submit an electronic version of the narrative to the Commission upon notification of award.**
- Two letters of recommendation (not from a related party).
- Application deadline is **Friday, December 1st**
- Submit Applications to MLKCommissionScholarship@gmail.com.

Enclosed is an official application. ***Please inform students about this opportunity.*** **The enclosed application may be copied for distribution.** Scholarship recipients will be notified in advance and honored at the annual MLK celebration on **Monday, January 15, 2024.**

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMISSION OF MID-MICHIGAN
Mark S. McDaniel Legacy Scholarship Application



- Please complete this application. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.
- **COMPLETED** Application must be postmarked by **December 1, 2023**

APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must be a graduating high school senior with Class of 2024.

Applicants must have at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average based on a 4.0 system.

Verification Required

Applicants must reside in the greater Lansing Region.

Applicants must be attending an accredited educational institution in the fall of the award year.

Applicants will be judged on the following criteria: personal narrative, personal statement, resume, and letters of recommendation.

APPLICATION ESSAYS

Essay should incorporate the stated theme and reflect on the applicant's personal experiences and vision

Theme:

**The Measure of a Country's Greatness is its Ability to Retain Compassion in Times of Crisis.
-Thurgood Marshall**

APPLICANT INFO:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____, Michigan ZIP: _____

E-mail: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Telephone: _____

ALT Telephone: _____

Parent's E-mail: _____

EDUCATIONAL INFO:

High School: _____

GPA (Copy of Transcripts Required): _____

What Educational Institution will you be Attending?

Note: Official Verification of Enrollement is required before award is released

City: _____ State: _____



SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Commission of Mid-Michigan
Attn: 2024 Scholarship Contest
MLKCommissionScholarship@gmail.com

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY

DECEMBER 1, 2023

CONTACT US:

For questions, e-mail us at:
MLKCommissionScholarship@gmail.com

DISCLOSURE:

Applications missing any required components will not be considered. Plagiarism is grounds for disqualification and forfeiture of eligibility to receive an award from the Commission. Recipients are required to meet all qualifications, including providing official Verification of Enrollment before an award is disbursed. Recipients are selected by an independent panel of judges from the community. Award can be forfeited if the recipient does not provide conditional requirements within one year from the date of the Celebration (1/15/2024). The Commission does not discriminate against any applicant because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/COMMUNITY SERVICE INFO

(Can attach student resume or additional sheets, if necessary)

Activities: _____

Community: _____

Leadership: _____

CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION RELEASE:

I hereby certify that all of the information in this application is true and accurate. I am aware that any misrepresentation will result in the disqualification of my application.

Signature of Applicant

Date

I give the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commission of Mid-Michigan permission to release/publish, letters of recommendation, application, likeness, photographs, etc., of my child. I certify that the works submitted are original, authentic, and accurate. I understand if my child is selected as a recipient, he/she will be honored at the annual MLK Celebration on Monday, January 15, 2024. No entries will be returned

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Application Form | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Essay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Official High School Transcript | <input type="checkbox"/> Two (2) Letters of Recommendation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resume | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Statement |

This form is required for scholarship applications