

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Guidelines

NATURE OF AWARD

The MLK Banquet Committee, a Division of the Abilene Black Chamber of Commerce, has established a scholarship to be awarded to two deserving recipients. The Annual MLK Banquet will serve as the funding source for the scholarship. Therefore, the amount of the Scholarship may vary from year to year.

Consistent with Dr. King's legacy, the most qualifying criteria for the Scholarship that students must demonstrate are social activism, community involvement and service. Such involvement builds strong lines of communication and is essential to the development of effective, lasting relationships that advance social change within a community.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholars will be selected on the basis of demonstrated leadership; commitment to and involvement with social change; financial need; academic achievement; and acceptance/enrollment in a post high school institution of learning.

Qualifications

In order to be eligible for the MLK Scholarship, an applicant must:

1. Have a 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) GPA or higher
2. Plan to attend or be currently enrolled in a college, university or technical/vocational school, etc.
3. Write an essay as directed in the "Written Essay section of the Scholarship Application

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Students who wish to apply for this scholarship must:

1. Complete the MLK scholarship Application
2. Provide two letters of recommendations.

(These letters of recommendation may be completed by any educator, minister, employer, etc. who knows the applicant.)

3. Mail completed application form with a copy of their transcript postmarked by December 15th of the year for which you are applying, to the address on the last page of the application. If December 15th falls on a weekend, the following Monday will be the deadline.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Final selection will be made by an appointed committee. The recipients will be chosen, and alternates will be selected in the event any of the recipients are not able to accept the scholarship.

PAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

Payment of the scholarship will be made upon verification of enrollment in a college or university.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT IN BLACK OR BLUE INK OR TYPE

APPLICATION SUBMITTAL DEADLINE
December 15

PERSONAL DATA

Social Security Number: ____ - ____ - ____ Age: ____ High School Name: _____ Class of: 20 ____

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: ____
Number and Street Name Apt. #

Home Telephone #: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

FATHER: _____ Age: ____ Home Telephone# _____
Last First M/i

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: ____
Number and Street Name Apt. #

Employer: _____ Employer Address: _____ Telephone # _____
Number and Street Name

Position/Job Title: _____

MOTHER: _____ Age: ____ Home Telephone# _____
Last First M/i

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: ____
Number and Street Name Apt. #

Employer: _____ Employer Address: _____ Telephone # _____
Number and Street Name

Position/Job Title: _____

Other Family members in household: Age: ____ Age: ____ Age: ____ Age: ____

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please list your extracurricular activities (academic, school clubs, religious affiliation, volunteer service) since the ninth grade, beginning with the most recent, in which you have actively participated. Include any offices held, honors, awards, etc.

Activity	Years of Participation
Offices, Honors, Awards	
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EMPLOYMENT RECORD

Employer	Dates of Employment From: _____ To: _____
Position	
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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL PLAN
ACADEMIC YEAR**

Please provide in order of preference, the following information on the colleges/universities to which you have applied or will be attending.

1st Preference	College / University	Total Estimated Cost (including tuition/fees, room/board, books and personal expenses for one year) \$ _____
	Status of Application: Accepted <input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected <input type="checkbox"/>	
2nd Preference	College / University	Total Estimated Cost (including tuition/fees, room/board, books and personal expenses for one year) \$ _____
	Status of Application: Accepted <input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected <input type="checkbox"/>	
3rd Preference	College / University	Total Estimated Cost (including tuition/fees, room/board, books and personal expenses for one year) \$ _____
	Status of Application: Accepted <input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected <input type="checkbox"/>	

AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO MEET EDUCATIONAL COSTS:

Personal Funds (cash, savings, etc.): \$ _____

Summer / Part-Time Employment Earnings: \$ _____

Parent's Contribution: \$ _____

Other Scholarship / Grants (estimated): \$ _____

List: _____

List: _____

List: _____

List: _____

Have you filed for federal / state financial assistance? Yes No

If no, do you plan to file the FAF (Financial Aid Form)? Yes No

Applicant's Name _____

WRITTEN ESSAY

Write a 200 – 300 word essay in response to the question below. The essay should be typed (double-spaced) on separate sheets of paper and signed by the applicant.

Several months before Dr. Martin Luther King’s assassination, he wrote a speech titled, “What Is Your Life’s Blueprint?” He presented this speech to some middle school students who were given a task to assess the blueprint of their own life.

Dr. King said, “I want to ask you a question, and that is, what is your life’s blueprint? Whenever a building is constructed, you usually have an architect who draws a blueprint and that blueprint serves as a pattern, as a guide and a building is not well erected without a good solid blueprint.

Now each of you is in the process of building the structure of your lives. The question is whether you have a proper, a solid and a sound blueprint.”

ESSAY SUBJECT: How is your blueprint in sync with what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. envisioned for future generations?

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King’s life work, I pledge to do everything I can to make America and the world a place where equality and justice, freedom and peace will grow and flourish.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is correct and complete, and that the essay is my own composition. I have requested transcripts from the school(s) I am / have attended. I am willing to appear for a personal interview if I am selected as a scholarship finalist.

Candidate’s Name Printed	Candidate’s Signature
Parent / Guardian’s Name Printed	Parent / Guardian’s Signature
High School Counselor’s Name Printed	High School Counselor’s Signature

Checklist:

- Signed essay
- Two signed letters of recommendation
- A complete application with all categories addressed
- Signatures on page 3

APPLICATION SUBMITTAL DEADLINE:

DECEMBER 15

MAIL TO: MLK Scholarship Program
 ATTN: Allan Neil Lockett
 1733 Pasadena Drive
 Abilene, Texas 79601-6261

Applicant’s Name _____