



The 2020 Contest

For the Live the Dream: Our Declaration of Unity community observation of
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 2020
West Chester and Liberty Townships, Ohio

As part of our community's 21st annual celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, all students in grades K – 12 who reside within the Lakota Local School District boundaries are invited to participate in a contest. All contest entries will be displayed at the community commemoration of the holiday on January 20, 2020, and winners will share their entries with the public as part of the morning celebration. Additionally, entries may be shared with the community at various venues throughout the month of February.

This year's 2020 Contest reflects that 20-20 vision is considered perfect vision and that it is often stated that hindsight is 20-20, meaning one can understand more clearly when looking back at what happened, better than one realizes the impact of what is going on when in the midst of a situation. With that in mind, please respond to the following prompt: **Looking back on all that Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. did, what do you think is the single most significant accomplishment of his life? Why did you choose that one?**

1. All entries must be the original work of the student.
2. Entries should be **typewritten on one side of one sheet of paper and limited to 2 minutes** if they are multi-media, performance, or presented orally. Written submissions should be able to be read aloud within that time frame. Artwork may include a written explanation of what is depicted, although that is not required.
3. All facts must be accurate. False information will disqualify the entry. Entries that do not address or meet the requirements of the contest (see boldface above) will not become winners. Those submitted after the deadline will not be judged.
4. Consideration will be given to clarity of thought presented/ease of interpretation. Creativity is encouraged.
5. Everyone who enters will receive a Certificate of Participation. One winner from each of the following categories will receive a prize valued at \$20: Elementary, Junior High, High School, English as a Second Language, Special Education, and Fine Arts. A grand prize worth \$50 will be awarded to one overall winner as well.
6. All submitted entries will be equally considered. All entries will be prominently displayed at the community program in January, where all contributors will be recognized. Entries may then be displayed in various locations throughout the area for the duration of Black History Month.
7. Paper entries may be submitted to the student's building principal or to the West Chester or Liberty Township Administration office and should accompany the completed form below. Multimedia entries must be submitted electronically via Google at this link and should also accompany a scanned copy of the completed form below: <https://bit.ly/2oQtFlv>. Paper entries will also be accepted via the online form, if preferred. **Deadline for entering is Monday, December 2, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.** On Tuesday, December 3, 2019, all entries will be collected by Live the Dream committee members and turned over to the judges.
8. All entries will be judged anonymously although all entries must have a completed and signed registration form affixed to the back or underside. In the event that several depict very similar ideas, the final judgment will be determined by the quality of the submitted work and clarity of thought presented. Winners will be notified personally, both by a phone call or email and in

writing. Decision of the judges is final. No further compensation beyond prizes for the winners, awarded at the community program, is implied. All entries become the property of the Live the Dream committee and will not be returned, unless prior arrangements have been made.

9. If a group or class project is chosen as the winner, the prize money will be awarded to the supervising adult, to be distributed appropriately, or divided evenly among group members.
10. Questions about this contest or the January 20th program may be addressed to Gail Webster at 860-4049. Community service hours are available to high school students for help in implementing the community celebration.

Check ONLY if appropriate:
 English is NOT my native language
 I receive Special Education services.

The 2020 Contest Entry Form

All entries are to be turned in to your respective school principal or Township Administration office by **4 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2019**, and include the following information, *legibly printed*:

Name of Student: _____

Title of Entry: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Complete home mailing address: _____

Phone number: _____ email: _____

I hereby declare that the attached entry is my own original work and accurately and honestly portrays my own thoughts and ideas. I understand that if I win the contest, I will be asked to publicly share this submission in the 2020 Live the Dream: Our Declaration of Unity program, without further compensation beyond the prize awarded at that time, and that my picture will be shared in public media outlets, unless consent is denied by my parent or legal guardian.

Signature of Student _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date: _____

<p>I give permission for my child's photograph to be included in public media outlets if they participate in the community events on this holiday. Circle YES or NO Parent/Legal Guardian initial _____</p>
