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NEW JERSEY  
**Martin Luther King, Jr.**  
Commission

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Reflecting on Dr. King and the 250th Anniversary of the US

## MLK SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY COMPETITION

**DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 16th 12PM**

**Ten \$5,000 SCHOLARSHIPS will be offered  
to New Jersey high school seniors.**

### ABOUT SCHOLARSHIP

- The New Jersey Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission is proud to offer ten (10) scholarships to current high school seniors who are NJ residents in the amount of \$5,000 per student.
- The scholarships will be awarded based on review of application by the independent reviewers appointed by the Commission.
- Applications will only be accepted via online form.
- Only one (1) entry per student.
- Funds are disbursed directly to schools/institutions.
- **TIP: Write all three essays in word processing program, then copy and paste finished essays into application.**

*\*\*Applicants selected for final review will be asked to provide:*

- Two (2) letters of reference from teachers, advisers, clergy and/or representatives of community-based service programs.
- Official High School Transcript from 11th Grade.

### QUESTIONS?

- Please email: [MLKCommission@sos.nj.gov](mailto:MLKCommission@sos.nj.gov)

### ESSAY TOPICS

**How does the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. inspire you as you think about your future?**

(100 to 300 words)

**Please tell us about your service to others during your high school years.**

(100 to 300 words)

**In 1963 Dr. King gave his his famous *Freedom's Ring* speech (aka *I Have a Dream*). In it he said, "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."**

**This year, as we mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, what are your thoughts on Dr. King's words today?**

(100 to 300 words)

**All applicants are required to answer all three essays to be considered.**

**Application opens Feb 11th <https://www.nj.gov/state/mlk.shtml>**