



New Jersey Martin Luther King, Jr.
Commemorative Commission
**2023 MLK Scholarship Essay
Competition for
New Jersey High School
Seniors**

“Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere”

The Commission will award 10 scholarships of \$5,000 per Student
Due Date: February 24th

The New Jersey Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission is proud to offer 10 scholarships to current high school seniors who are New Jersey 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. The online application includes three (3) essays on assigned topics. **NOTE: Applicants selected for the final review will be required to email 2 school and community service reference letters and official high school transcript.**

The on-line application portal will go live on Monday, January 17 and will be open for submissions until 5PM Friday, February 24, 2023

Applicants must respond to the following three essay questions:

- 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)
- The Gandhian Society recently opened the *Eternal Gandhi Peace Center* in Atlantic City, New Jersey. In your own words, how do you think Mahatma Gandhi influenced Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.? (100 to 300 words)

The application can be found here:

[NJ Department of State - New Jersey Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission](#)

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REQUIRED INFORMATION:

- Three (3) Essays on “Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere” (see above for required topics).

NOTE: Only applicants selected for final review will be asked to email:

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

If you have any questions, please email MLKCommission@sos.nj.gov