



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Scholarship Program 2015

*In partnership with the local chapters of the NAACP,
the Bay Area Community Foundation,
the Midland Area Community Foundation
and the Saginaw Community Foundation*

Application Deadline – Postmarked no later than October 31, 2014

Mail your completed application to:

**Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholarship Review
Committee c/o Midland Area Community Foundation
76 Ashman Circle
Midland, MI 48640**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Scholarship

Inspired by the belief that love and peaceful protest can eliminate social, political and economic injustice, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., became this nation's most heralded civil right leader. He aroused blacks and whites alike to protest racial discrimination, war and poverty. A champion of nonviolent resistance to oppression, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Dr. King's life ended at the age of 39 on April 4, 1968 when he was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee. However short his life, he greatly advanced the cause of civil rights in this nation. His life serves as encouragement to each of us to do all that we can to end injustice.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Scholarships will be awarded each year to area high school seniors (regardless of ethnicity) who actively embrace Dr. King's dream of improving racial harmony and social justice. The scholarship award(s) will be at least \$1,000 and are non-renewable. The scholarship award(s) will be presented at the annual Great Lakes Bay Regional Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration program to be held in January.

DO I QUALIFY?

- Must be a high school senior in Bay, Midland or Saginaw County, Michigan (regardless of ethnicity)
- Have a minimum 2.0 GPA
- Must have plans to attend a 2-year and/or 4-year degree granting academic or vocational program

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

- Write a one page, typed essay that demonstrates how you have actively engaged in activities and efforts to make Dr. King's "Dream" of equality a reality, and what you will do in the future to keep Dr. King's "Dream" alive. (see application Step 4).
- Provide two letters of recommendation (should not include family members, but individuals who are significantly aware of the student's accomplishments). (see application Step 5).
- Provide evidence of direct involvement in activities that are aimed at bridging the gap between the races, promoting racial harmony and equality, and improving awareness and understanding of cultural diversity. (see application Step 8).
- Provide a copy of academic transcript (to be forwarded directly to the Martin Luther King Scholarship Review Committee from the high school).
- Submittal of the completed application to the following address. (Applications must be postmarked no later than October 31, 2014). Midland Area Community Foundation, 76 Ashman Circle, Midland, MI 48640
- Participate in all events and activities associated with this scholarship.

HOW WILL I BE EVALUATED? The selection criteria evaluates

- Your essay in terms of originality, awareness of Dr. King's life, and the realistic outcome of your essay's idea(s). (see application Step 4)
- Your two letters of recommendation (see application Step 5)
- Your awards/honors related to accomplishments in leadership and improving racial harmony (see application Step 6)
- Your activities related to leadership, commitment and impact (see application Step 7)

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OFFICIAL APPLICATION

Step 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____ Last four digits of your S.S.# _____
Address _____ Email _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____
I am a legal resident of _____ County.
Name of father/guardian _____ Phone _____
Name of mother/guardian _____ Phone _____
Occupation of father _____ Occupation of mother _____

Step 2. HIGH SCHOOL DATA

Name of high school attending _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Graduation date (month & year) _____ / _____ Cumulative GPA (based on 4.0 scale) _____

Step 3. POST SECONDARY SCHOOL DATA

List, in order of preference, the colleges, universities, and/or vocational schools to which you have formally applied.

INSTITUTION	STARTING DATE	ACCEPTED
_____	_____	()Yes ()No ()Pending
_____	_____	()Yes ()No ()Pending
_____	_____	()Yes ()No ()Pending

Intended Major _____ Intended Minor _____

How will you be financing your college education? (Ex: grants, scholarships, parents, other): _____

Step 4. ESSAY

The essay is a critical part of your application!
See "What do I need to do?" for expected content and evaluation criteria for your one page, typed essay.

Step 5. RECOMMENDATIONS

Two letters of recommendation are required for your application to be considered. These letters should not be submitted by family members, but individuals who are significantly aware of the student's accomplishments, such as a coach, counselor, teacher or other instructor, employer, or administrator at your school. Please see "**Recommendation Forms**."

APPLICANT PROFILE (attach separate page(s) as needed)

Step 6. AWARDS & HONORS

List awards and/or honors that are unique and relevant to this scholarship. (Explain how the award or honor demonstrates leadership, improves racial harmony and promotes social justice.)

AWARD/HONOR	YEAR	EXPLANATION
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Step 7. ACTIVITIES

List leadership activities that promote racial harmony and improve awareness of cultural diversity and/or social justice.

ACTIVITY	YEAR	EXPLANATION
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

List activities that show commitment and willingness to promote Dr. King’s teachings.

ACTIVITY	YEAR	EXPLANATION
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Step 8. CERTIFICATION

I/we herby affirm that the information provided on this application and the accompanying material is accurate and complete to the best of my/our knowledge. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.

Applicant’s Signature Date

Parent’s or Guardian’s Signature (if applicant is under 18) Date

For answers to questions or for further information, please contact your respective community foundation:

Midland Area Community Foundation 76 Ashman Circle Midland, MI 48640 (989) 839-9661 www.midlandfoundation.org	Bay Area Community Foundation 1000 Adams Street, Suite 200 Bay City, MI 48708 (989) 893-6026 www.bayfoundation.org	Saginaw Community Foundation 1 Tuscola, Suite 100 Saginaw, MI 48607 Phone: (989) 755-0545 www.saginawfoundation.org
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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM (1)

APPLICANT: Please fill in your name and address before giving this form to the person that you have asked for a reference.

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
City State ZIP

REFERENCE PROVIDER: The student named on this form is applying for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Scholarship and has asked you to provide the committee with any information you feel would be helpful in reviewing his/her application. You may be assured that the information will be considered confidential. If you are unable to complete a letter of recommendation by the deadline, please notify the applicant so that he/she may secure another reference.

Name of Reference _____ Phone _____

Signature of Reference _____ Date _____

When providing a reference, please do the following:

1. Write your letter of recommendation on a separate sheet of paper. Please sign it and include it with this form.
2. Describe applicant's commitment to actively embracing Dr. King's dream of improving racial harmony and social justice.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE APPLICANT OR TO THE
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