



City of Elgin

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Committee
150 Dexter Ct.
Elgin, Illinois 60120

29th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Scholarship Application

DEADLINE: November 29th, 2013

The Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship is awarded annually to Elgin students who have demonstrated an active interest and meaningful involvement in the areas of human rights, civil rights, social justice and/or world peace. Scholarships may also be awarded to students whose activities are exemplary and reflect the ideals and life of Dr. King.

Eligibility:

- Must be a graduating high school student who is a resident of the City of Elgin, IL
- Must possess a GPA of 2.5 or above
- Must possess a clear judicial record
- Must show sound character and leadership qualities
- Must have a demonstrated record of service to the community

Application Period/Timetable:

- Distribution of application materials: November 1, 2013
- Application Deadline: November 29, 2013
- Committee review of applications: week of December 1 – December 7, 2012
- Committee interviews applicants, December 9-December 13, 2013
- Notification to award recipients, December 16-December 20, 2013
- MLK program participation January 19, 2014

Submit Completed Applications To:

MLK Scholarship Committee
City of Elgin
150 Dexter Court
Elgin, IL 60121
(847) 931-5667
mlk@cityofelgin.org

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Program
Sponsored by the City of Elgin Human Relations Commission
(With support from various community partners)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Due Friday, November 29, 2013 to the MLK Scholarship Committee.

Name: _____
(First Name) (Middle Name or Initial) (Last / Family Name)

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (Zip)

Home Phone: _____ Email (if available): _____

High School Attending: _____

What colleges or universities have you applied to?

Name of College / University City / State Status (accepted, waiting, other)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

What major field of study do you intend to enter (if known)?

The City of Elgin Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarships are awarded in January each year and are for one year of school only. The Human Relations Commission/MLK Scholarship Committee will require enrollment verification from the college/university that you attend prior to the disbursement of the scholarship.

I certify that the information provided herein is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false statements may lead to disqualification from the scholarship program.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

A. Answer (briefly) the following questions:

1. What college degree will you pursue and what are your career goals?
2. Please describe your involvement in extracurricular, volunteer or community activities.
3. Are you or your family facing any financial hardship that will make it difficult for you to attend college this fall? If so, please explain.

B. Attach an essay on the theme-“I Have A Dream-50 Years Later.” Explain how this theme and the ideals of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. are reflected in your daily life. (**one page minimum-two pages maximum, double-spaced, 12-point font**)

C. Attach three letters of reference: One (1) from a teacher at your school and two (2) from individuals who are familiar with your background, abilities, activities, and your potential for achievement in college/university. Reference letters must include the name, address and phone number of the person providing the reference. Family members and persons under 18 years of age may not provide letters of reference for you.

D. Attach a copy of your transcript through the Fall 2013 semester showing the classes you have taken and grades received. You can obtain this through the scholarship coordinator at your school. It does not have to be an “official” transcript.

Checklist:

- ☐ Application form completed and signed
- ☐ Responses to questions attached
- ☐ Personal essay (two pages maximum) attached
- ☐ Three letters of reference attached
- ☐ Transcript (through the Fall 2013 semester) attached
- ☐ Please Call Cherie Murphy with any questions: (847) 931-5667
- ☐ Email to: mlk@cityofelgin.org