

**THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PLANNING
COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2024**

Creative Expression Contest

Theme: *Marching to the Beat of Justice*

Open to middle and high school students of the Greater New Bedford area
(New Bedford, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Acushnet).

Creative expression comes in many forms. Please select one of the following categories (Essay, Poem, or Art) to express your answer for the following questions:

"We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history there is such a thing as being too late..."

- Martin Luther King Jr., Riverside Church, New York, April 4, 1967

Describe an injustice you see today. How would you take the lead as a drum major for justice? How do the works and acts of Martin Luther King Jr. inspire you in your quest? Be sure to reference speeches or writings of Dr. King in your submission.

Essay Requirement: Up to 2 pages, 12-point font, double spaced.

Poem Requirement: Up to 2 pages, 12-point font, double spaced.

Artwork Requirement: Artist should explain the concept of their artwork in 3-5 sentences in addition to their submission.

Please send submissions to:

MLK@newbedford-ma.gov

Deadline for submission:

Friday, December 1st, 2023

All submissions must be original work. One submission per student. Please include your name, grade, and school with your submission.

Please be prepared to share your essay, poetry, or art during the Annual MLKJ program, if you are selected as a winner!

**UP TO 3 WINNERS
IN EACH CATEGORY!**

1st Place Winner(s) - \$100

2nd Place Winner(s) - \$75

3rd Place Winner(s) - \$50

