

Essay Contest Entry Form

First Name _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Parent/Guardian Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address _____

Grade in school _____ Age _____

If School Entry: _____
School Name _____

Teacher's Name _____

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- Contest Rules:**
- Only 1 entry per student
 - Student must live in Mesa County
 - Essay must be composed/written by the student only
 - Essay must be submitted by the deadline time and date
 - Essay Entry Form must be filled out completely, and have essay attached.

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- Essay Guidelines:**
- Essay must be typed on plain white, 8 1/2" x 11" paper (regular copy paper), using size 12 font, double spaced.
 - Essay topic must relate to this year's theme, Take a Stand.
 - Essay length must adhere to *age group requirement*,
 - 6th-8th Grade: 200-400 words or approximately 1 - 1.5 pages
 - 9th-12th Grade: 300-500 words or approximately 1.5 - 2 pages
 - College: 500-600 words or approximately 2-3 pages
 - Include a bibliography if needed, but do not count it as part of the essay length

Presented by the Grand Junction group
Black Citizens and Friends,

The 2019 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Essay Contest



Take a Stand

Is this year's theme, from the quote:

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

-MLK Jr.

Contest Information:

- Judges will examine use of/exploration of this year's theme, content, organization, sentence fluency, voice, word choice, and writing conventions when making their decisions.
- Top three winners in each category receive a prize, the following three semi-finalists will receive a certificate of recognition.
- Winners will be announced at the MLK Jr. Celebration Meal on Saturday, Jan. 19th, 2018 at 4pm
- Winners not present at the Brunch announcement will be notified no later than Thursday, Jan. 31st – using the contact information provided with submission.
- Winning essays may be published on the MLK Jr. Celebration website

Prizes for Essay Winners 1st place - \$50, 2nd place - \$30, 3rd place - \$20

Entry Deadline: Turn in submissions to the Children's Area desk at the Central Branch of Mesa County Library at 443 N. 6th St. in Grand Junction by 5pm on 1/16/19

*Teachers with 5 or more entries may call 970-549-7750 for pick-up services.