



THE WORDS OF MARTIN LUTHER KING:

**2009 -2010
Martin Luther King Arts & Writing Contest
New Hampshire Students of Grades 6, 7, & 8**

THEME

**THE STARLESS MIDNIGHT OF RACISM & WAR VS.
THE BRIGHT DAYBREAK OF PEACE & BROTHERHOOD**

The Words of Martin Luther King referred to throughout, are those indicated as such, on the left.

“I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality.”

Points to consider for your entry in the Arts & Writing Contest:

- ❖ What point do you think Dr. King was making?
- ❖ What is happening today in our country and the world around us that supports his point?
- ❖ What is happening today in our own community and in your own school, which supports his point?
- ❖ What can you, your friends, and your schoolmates do to justify Dr. King's hope?
- ❖ What can we all do to justify Dr. King's hope?

Martin Luther King Coalition
www.MartinLutherKingCoalition.org

ONLY WE CAN MAKE HIS DREAM A REALITY. LIVE THE DREAM!

~ ART CONTEST ~

Drawings, paintings, posters, videos, PowerPoint presentations, or single/multi-panel illustrations that reflect the **Theme** and **The Words of Martin Luther King**. See reverse/next page for further details and award information.

~ WRITING CONTEST ~

Essays, poems, or short stories that reflect the **Theme** and **The Words of Martin Luther King**. See reverse/next page for further details and award information.

The Martin Luther King Arts & Writing Contest is open to all New Hampshire students in Grades 6, 7, & 8.

~ TO ENTER ~

All entries should be sent by December 4, 2009 to

Traci Belanger, MLKC Chair
c/o SNHU Wellness Center
2500 North River Rd
Manchester NH 03106
T.Belanger@SNHU.edu

Include your name, teacher's name, grade, school, and its phone number; as well as your home address & phone (home-schooled welcome). Questions? Please email or call Vanessa L. Washington-Johnson VanessaLWJ@HendrixHouse.com or 603.494.3573.

Awards will be presented at the
2010 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION
MONDAY JANUARY 18, 2010

St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral
650 Hanover Street, Manchester NH 03104
Come and celebrate the life of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King!

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~ Guidelines for Entries ~

Entries should reflect how the student both understand and relate the **Theme** and **The Words of Martin Luther King** to their lives as well as life in general today.

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Arts Contest

Students may submit any form of art, such as drawings, paintings, posters, videos, PowerPoint™ presentations, or single/multi-panel illustrations.

Materials that will withstand shipping are recommended.

Each entry will be judged on artistic merit and how well the student communicates both the **Theme** and **The Words of Martin Luther King**.

Writing Contest

Students may submit any form of writing, such as essays or short stories of 400 - 800 words, or full-page poems.

Each entry will be judged on creativity, presentation, and how well the student communicates both the **Theme** and **The Words of Martin Luther King**.

Lionel Washington Johnson Youth Awards

The 1st place winning student in each contest will receive \$100 and the Lionel Washington Johnson Youth Award plaque.

The student who places 2nd in each contest, will receive \$50 and a Lionel Washington Johnson Youth Award Certificate.

All entries become the property of the Martin Luther King Coalition unless & until they are picked up at the end of the Celebration.

~ Judging Panel ~

Entries will be judged by a panel of Martin Luther King Coalition Member Organization Representatives.

Martin Luther King Coalition Member Organizations

American Friends Service Committee - NH
Arab American Forum
Cultural Diversity Task Force of Greater Manchester
Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains
Global Citizens Circle
Granite State Organizing Project
Greater Manchester Black Scholarship Foundation
Manchester Education Association
National Education Association - NH
New Hampshire Alliance of Immigrants & Refugees
New Hampshire Citizens Alliance
New Hampshire Civil Liberties Union
New Hampshire Council of Churches
New Hampshire Minority Health Coalition
New Hampshire State Employees Association, SEIU Local 1984
New Hampshire Veterans for Peace
Temple Adath Yeshurun
Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral
Unitarian Universalist Church of Manchester

The principles of the Martin Luther King Coalition Member Organizations are consistent with the principles of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King.

In 2007, the Martin Luther King Coalition celebrated its 25th anniversary of presenting a Martin Luther King Day Community Celebration.

In addition to providing the Community Celebration, the Coalition presents the prestigious Martin Luther King Award and the Lionel Washington Johnson Youth Awards; and maintains both an informational website, & a Martin Luther King Speakers Bureau available for all occasions & venues.

Organizations interested in joining the Coalition should visit www.MartinLutherKingCoalition.org and/or contact Program Director Vanessa L. Washington-Johnson, 603.494.3573
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