



“Dr. Martin Luther King Presentation and Awards Ceremony”

Description:

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Award is designed to give all Niagara University students an opportunity to highlight and celebrate the accomplishments and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Students can submit entries through demonstration of a wide range of talents. Example of these entries can be through dance, poetry/spoken word, music, and much more. There is a variety of media that can be used. The entries considered for this award must demonstrate both an intellectual and emotional element that directly connects to the mission of Niagara University and conveys interpretation of the current social justice climate.

This includes the five core values, which are as follows:

- Knowledge
- Creativity
- Spirituality
- Compassion
- Integrity

Simone Beckford, Director of Multicultural Affairs, will be this year’s coordinator of the competition. Please contact Simone at sbeckford@niagara.edu for additional information.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will be able to demonstrate their knowledge of Martin Luther King Jr and his message of non-violence and tolerance through the submission of written, oral or artistic expression.
2. Students will be able to engage in opportunities for cross-cultural interaction with those who differ from oneself in beliefs, behaviors, values, or views.
3. Students will be given the opportunity to take ownership of their work and recognize their own voice, style and strengths.
4. Students will be able to articulate the connection between the values of Martin Luther King Jr. and the mission of Niagara University.

Eligibility:

All enrolled Niagara University students are eligible to participate in this competition, with the exception of anyone who is a professional (defined as one who has been paid for any type of published work within the last five years). Awards are contingent upon the winner being able to present his or her entry on the day of the ceremony.

Submissions:

Written (10 pages maximum):

* Non-fiction * Research Papers * Fiction * Short stories * Poetry * Essays **Other:**

* Multimedia Presentations * Films/Videos * Dance * Musical Compositions *

Performance Art * Paintings * Comedy/Drama Presentations * Sculpture * Photography

(Must be accompanied by slides)

Guidelines:

All submissions are accompanied by an entry form (completed upon submission). All entries must include a typed statement reflecting the content of the work. The work must focus on the works and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. or multiculturalism. Written submissions must be double-spaced, typewritten and must not exceed 10 pages. All 2D/3D work must be submitted in its original form to the Office of Multicultural Affairs, LLGC, Room 113. Any performances or multimedia presentations must be submitted on flash drive or email and must not exceed ten minutes. All entrants' must be able to attend and be willing to present on their submission.

Awards:

Four equal prizes of \$200 will be awarded. Winners will receive awards and will present their work to the Niagara community at the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Presentation and Award Ceremony on ***February 24, 2022. Event details will be provided at a later date.***

ENTRIES DUE: February 17th, 2022

For more information, contact The Office of Multicultural Affairs, Director, Simone Beckford at sbeckford@niagara.edu.