

City of Elgin

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

36th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Scholarship Application “LET THE BRIGHT DAY OF JUSTICE EMERGE”

“The whirlwind of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.” Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

DEADLINE: November 27, 2020

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. Multiple scholarships of **\$1000.00 will be** awarded based upon the number of applicants and the quality of the submissions.

Eligibility:

- Must be a graduating high school student who resides in Elgin. In some cases, scholarships may be awarded to students outside of the Elgin area.
- Must possess a GPA of 2.5 or above
- Must show sound character and leadership qualities
- Must have a demonstrated record of service to the community

Application Period/Timetable (estimated):

- Distribution of application materials: **November 1, 2020**
- Application Deadline: **November 27, 2020**
- Committee review of applications and interviews of applicants, **December 9 - December 10, 2020**
- Notification to award recipients - **by December 14, 2020**

Mandatory for scholarship awardees

- Recipients are to represent MLK- City of Elgin at community events, including the United Black Scholarship Dinner (April).
- MLK Prayer Breakfast participation - **January 16, 2021**
- MLK Youth Conference participation - **January 18, 2021**

Submit Completed Applications To:

MLK Scholarship Committee
City of Elgin
150 Dexter Court
Elgin, IL 60121
(847) 931-5607
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 – Please print clearly in pen.
Due Friday, November 27, 2020 to the MLK Scholarship Committee.

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

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

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

High School Attending: _____

Parents' contact information:

Name: _____
(First Name) (Last Name)

Home Phone: _____ (Cell) _____

Email: _____

Best time to contact you (Please select one): Daytime Evening (after 5:00 pm)

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 _____

Attention Parents and Guardians: The MLK Committee may use photos, essays and other materials submitted by scholarship participants in its programs, donation solicitations and social media. Please sign below if you consent to this use.

Signature of Parent or Guardian Date

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

A. You are required to create and submit a two (2) minute video that is linked to YouTube.

The video will reflect this year's theme:

“Let the Bright Day of Justice Emerge.”

B. You are required to submit the following written responses:

1. On a separate document answer briefly the following questions:
 - a. What college degree will you pursue and what are your career goals?
 - b. Please describe our involvement in extracurricular, volunteer or community activities.
 - c. Are you or your family facing any financial hardship that will make it difficult for you to attend college this fall? Please explain.

2. Please **choose one** option:
 - a. Explain what Dr. King meant by “Let the Bright Day of Justice Emerge.”
 - b. Describe a time in which your school or you have had to stand strong together in a time of controversy and challenge in the community.
 - c. Describe the ways in which a teacher or leader in the community has reacted to controversy or challenge that has promoted justice

C. Attach two letters of reference: One (1) from a teacher at your school and one (1) from an individual who is 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 2020 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
- Video **linked to YouTube** provided
- Two letters of reference attached
- Transcript (through the Fall 2020 semester) attached

Please call Gail Cohen with any questions: (847) 931-5607

Email to: mlk@cityofelgin.org or mail to MLK Committee, 150 Dexter Court, Elgin IL 60120