

**West Virginia Martin Luther King, Jr.
State Holiday Commission**



September 17, 2014

Dear West Virginia Educators:

The Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission is pleased to announce its Annual Poster Competition.

Each year students throughout the state of West Virginia have shared their artistic abilities by submitting their entries as a way of celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year the mission of the Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission is to celebrate the occasion of the Annual Poster Competition as a means to depict the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The poster must focus on this famous quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "*I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.*" Classroom teachers are asked to assist students in the development of original slogans/captions to be used in the development of the poster.

Official rules are available at <http://www.wvmlkholidaycommission.org>

All entries must be postmarked on or before **December 1, 2014** and should be mailed or delivered to:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Poster Contest
State Holiday Commission
627 Wallace Hall – West Virginia State University
Institute, WV 25112
ATTN: Patricia Wilson

Winning entries will be on display in the Great Hall of the WV Culture Center. Students with winning entries will receive awards during the Celebration of Diversity program on **February 2, 2015**. We look forward to your student's participation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Carolyn Stuart, Chair, Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission

Patricia Wilson, Chair, Awards Committee

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
STATE HOLIDAY COMMISSION**

ANNUAL POSTER CONTEST GUIDELINES

The Annual Poster Competition is designed to celebrate the life and dream of Martin Luther King, Jr. and to reaffirm the American ideals of freedom, justice and opportunity for all.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all West Virginia residents (Students in grades K-12)

FORMAT

Student entries may be in any format. The style and the selected media must be explained on the attached entry form. Entries without this information will not be judged. An entry form must be taped to the back of the entry.

MEDIA

Students may use the following media: pencil, crayon, pen and ink, water color, acrylic, serigraph wood block, photography, or mixed media.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Each entrant is allowed only one entry. All entries will become the property of the Martin Luther King, Jr. West Virginia Holiday Commission. The poster must focus on this famous quotation from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "*I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.*" This must be explained in a brief attachment to the poster.

AWARDS AND PRIZES

There will be three prizes (first, second and third) in each category: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

DEADLINES/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 1, 2014 is the deadline for receipt of posters by mail or in person. Deliver or mail to:

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Martin Luther King State Holiday Commission
627 Wallace Hall – West Virginia University
Institute, WV 25112-1000
Attn: Mrs. Patricia Wilson

December 1-30, 2014: Judging of entries

January 15, 2015: Notification forwarded to poster contest winners

February 15-28, 2015: Winning posters will be exhibited at the WV Culture Center

