



2021

## DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

### Essay and Poster Contest

Sponsored by:  
St. Tammany Parish Public School System



The St. Tammany Parish Public School System will host a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. essay and poster contest for all students within the district. The guidelines below outline the requirements for participation. All schools should have a school contest or established criteria to select entries for the district competition. Entries from each school should be submitted no later than December 22, 2020. District level winners will be notified on January 8, 2021 and awards will be presented at the January 14, 2021 School Board Meeting. All questions should be directed to Dorable Dangerfield at [dorable.dangerfield@stpsb.org](mailto:dorable.dangerfield@stpsb.org).

#### Students are asked to participate according to these themes:

- **K-5:** What Are You Doing to Help Others?
- **6-12:** Dr. King once stated, “**Life's most persistent and urgent question** is: 'What are you doing for others?'”

#### Overall contest parameters:

- Work must be original and the work of the student
- No identifying information on front of the work; name, grade and school written on back
- A complete entry form must be attached to all student work submitted to the district
- As students complete the work, they should reflect on the life of Dr. King, his legacy and what the theme means to them.
- One entry per student per category at the district level
- Each school may submit one entry per grade level per category (essay and poster)
- District winners will be announced for first, second and third place per grade group (grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12) and each category (essay and poster)

#### Contest parameters and judging: (Essay)

- Essays should be no more than 250 words, typed and double spaced or written neatly on 8-1/2 by 11 white paper
- Judging criteria: Address the theme, development of theme, clear and coherent writing, conventions of standard English, and creativity

#### Contest parameters and judging: (Poster)

- Work must be no larger than a regular, full-size poster board (22" X 28")
- Judging criteria: Creativity, originality, and message relating to theme
- Student work will remain on display in the atrium at the CJ Schoen Administrative Complex throughout the month of January.

**District Deadline: December 22, 2020**

**“The time is always right, to do what’s right.”**

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**