

# NORTH CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ESSAY, POETRY, & ART CONTEST JANUARY 2019

### CONTEST RULES

#### **THEME: The Choice is Ours to Stand Together or Live Divided**

1. Eligibility: Students from Preschool through Grade 12 enrolled in the San Mateo/Foster City School District, private schools in the cities of San Mateo and Foster City, member of the NAACP San Mateo Branch, churches and residents of the City of San Mateo.
2. Each entry must be prepared in accordance with the current rules and must be accompanied by an Official Entry Form. **Entries must be received by 5:00 PM, FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019.**
3. Entries may be submitted by a student or classroom teacher. The student's classroom teacher or department chairperson's name must appear on the entry form in the event that information on the form needs to be clarified.
4. Students are encouraged to **SUBMIT NO MORE THAN ONE (1)** original work. If a student uses non-original material the author must be properly noted. The contest will be of an oratorical or recital nature.
5. An essay (250 words or more) or poem (12 lines or more) may be entered for students in Grade 5 through Grade 12. A short story (50 words or more) or poem (4 lines or more) may be entered for Preschool through Grade 4 students.
6. Manuscripts may be submitted for only one category. Only original copies of manuscript can be submitted. Carbon copies, dittos, photocopies, or other duplications are not acceptable.
7. Each manuscript may be typed or handwritten on 8½" by 11" paper. Preschool through Grade 2 students may use primary ruled or unlined paper. Manuscripts typed must be double-spaced and handwritten papers should skip every other line. Leave margins of 1" on both the left and right sides of the paper.
8. The time limit for oral presentation for Preschool through Grade 5 is 3 minutes. The time limit for Grade 6 through Grade 12 is 5 minutes. **YOU WILL BE PENALIZED IF YOU EXCEED THE TIME LIMIT.**
9. ***ART IS ONLY FOR GRADE 6 THROUGH GRADE 12. YOU MAY SUBMIT ONLY ONE (1) ART PIECE.***

### JUDGING

1. Essays, poems, and art must be based on the theme.
2. Entries will be divided into categories (essay or poetry) and appropriate age groups.
3. All winners will receive cash awards.
4. Contest judging will take place at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, 725 Monte Diablo Avenue, San Mateo, California.
5. ***YOU MUST PRESENT YOUR ESSAY OR POEM AT THE CONTEST IN ORDER TO WIN A PRIZE.*** Presentations are on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019, from 6:00-8:30 PM for Preschool through Grade 4 and THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019, from 6:00-8:30 PM for Grade 5 through Grade 12.
6. All decisions of the judges are final.
7. All entries become the property of the North Central Neighborhood Association.

**PLEASE COME TO THE AWARDS CEREMONY ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2019, AT 1:00 PM**

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**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

**DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019 – ONLY ONE ORIGINAL ENTRY**

☐ **ESSAY**

☐ **POETRY**

☐ **ART**

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(NUMBER AND STREET)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY) (ZIP CODE) PHONE: ( )

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

SCHOOL (FULL NAME): \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

SCHOOL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(NUMBER AND STREET)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY) (ZIP CODE) PHONE: ( )

TEACHER (FULL NAME): Dr. Mr. Ms. Mrs. Miss \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE CIRCLE ONE) (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

PRINCIPAL (FULL NAME): Dr. Mr. Ms. Mrs. Miss \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE CIRCLE ONE) (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

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**PLEASE MAIL TO OR DROP OFF AT:** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center  
725 Monte Diablo Avenue  
San Mateo, CA 94401