



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. 2023 YMCA ESSAY CONTEST



The YMCA of Greater Monmouth County proudly celebrates the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at our 34th Annual Commemoration Breakfast together with our community and through our Youth Essay Contest.

As part of our Y's commitment to social justice and youth engagement, we invite all high school students from greater Monmouth County to participate in an essay contest. Two essays will be selected as grand prize winners. Winners will receive a \$1,500 scholarship for their education, generously donated by Hackensack Meridian *Health*, New Jersey Natural Gas and PorterPlus Realty, as well as a full-year youth membership to a YMCA of Greater Monmouth County branch of their choice. Winners and their parents/guardians will be invited to attend the 34th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration. View event info at ymcanj.org/mlk.



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Meridian *Health*



How to apply: Reflect on this question and express your thoughts in writing.

Hate crimes and violence are on the rise and have largely been directed toward racial, ethnic, and religious groups. How has this impacted you and the way you view society? What are you doing to effect change? How can we work together to find solutions?

Submit a minimum of a 300 word essay in MLA format, typed not handwritten. Essays should not exceed 500 words (two pages) and any quotations or copyrighted material used must be identified properly. To participate, please complete the application on the reverse side and submit by Dec. 2, 2022 by 5 p.m., along with your essay to giving@ymcanj.org. Successful candidates are selected on the basis of substantive quality of the response, the quality of the writing and originality.

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2023 YMCA Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest Application

Name: _____
(First) (Middle Initial) (Last)

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Age: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____

I am a member/participant of the YMCA of Greater Monmouth County _____ Location _____

I participate in the following Y Program(s): _____

Are you a member of a special club/group at your school? _____ Yes _____ No

If so, which one(s): _____

Do you play any sports? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, what sports? _____

What are your favorite hobbies? _____

Please list community and volunteer service projects that you have participated in:

Activity/Organization	Grade Participated	Leadership Position	Contact at Organization
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Please submit this application along with your essay, typed and double-spaced, by 5 p.m. on December 2, 2022 to:

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Or by e-mail to: giving@ymcanj.org