

DEXTER R. STANTON ESSAY AND VISUAL ART CONTEST

The MLK holiday is an opportunity to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy of service & be inspired to live out his legacy today in our homes, our communities & our world. Students & community are invited to submit an essay or 2D artwork to express their vision of "Inspire. Challenge. Connect.," the theme of the 3rd Annual MLK Breakfast on 1/18/16 at St Cloud State University. Artwork will be displayed in Atwood Gallery. **Entries due 1/13/16.**



ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL QUOTE

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward." What inspires and challenges you in this statement? What can you do to connect community members to always keep moving forward?

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (grades K-4)

Award amount: 10 awards at \$10 each

VISUAL ART: Create a 2D piece of artwork that visually expresses your interpretation of the quote above.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (grades 5-8)

Award amount: Eight awards at \$25 each.

ESSAY: 200 word statement guided by the quote and questions. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MLKessayMS>

VISUAL ART: Create a 2D piece of artwork that visually expresses your interpretation of the quote above. Include a one paragraph description of your work.

HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE & COMMUNITY QUOTE

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., from "A time to break silence." This I believe to be the privilege and the burden of all of us who deem ourselves bound by allegiances and loyalties which are broader and deeper than nationalism and which go beyond our nation's self-defined goals and positions. We are called to speak for the weak, for the voiceless, for victims of our nation and for those it calls enemy, for no document from human hands can make these humans any less our brothers.

Our theme this year is, "Inspire. Challenge. Connect." Based on the quote by Dr. MLK Jr. above, what inspires you? Where do you face challenges in this quote? How can you bring these elements together and connect with the community to bring meaningful action into fruition?

HIGH SCHOOL (grades 9-12)

Award amount: Four awards at \$50 each.

ESSAY: 500 word statement guided by the quote and questions. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MLKessayHS>

VISUAL ART: Create a 2D piece of artwork that visually expresses your interpretation of the quote above. Include a one paragraph description of your work. Frame work so it's hang ready.

COLLEGE (community, technical or 4 year institution)

Award amount: Three awards of \$100

ESSAY: 600 word statement guided by the quote and questions. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MLKessayCollege>

VISUAL ART: Create a 2D piece of artwork that visually expresses your interpretation of the quote above. Include a one paragraph description of your work. Frame work so it's hang ready.

COMMUNITY (those not enrolled in an educational institution)

Award amount: Three awards of \$100

ESSAY: 600 word statement guided by the quote. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MLKessayCommunity>

VISUAL ART: Create a 2D piece of artwork that visually expresses your interpretation of the quote above. Include a one paragraph description of your work. Frame work so it's hang ready.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

DEADLINE: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at noon/12:00 p.m.

SUBMISSION: **ESSAYS** are submitted online via the website provided for each group. **ARTWORK** is delivered to C.A.R.E office at St Cloud State University, MC 212. All 2D mediums welcome. Artwork should be no larger than 24" on a side. Label work on the back: Your name, address, phone number, email, school & medium.

NOTIFICATION: Applicants will be notified of award status by January 15, 2016. The awards will be presented at the SCSU MLK Breakfast on January 18, 2016 in the Atwood Memorial Center Ballroom at 7:00 a.m.

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Community Anti-Racism Education Initiative Office at 320-308-2214 or email care@stcloudstate.edu.