



DECATUR HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Steering Committee
#1 Gary K. Anderson Plaza
Decatur, IL 62523
(217) 424-2805



The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Steering Committee (hereinafter referred to as MLK Steering Committee) was founded in 1986. The MLK Steering Committee is entrusted to promote the legacy and to continue the work and dream of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The MLK Scholarship Award is to assist students who are pursuing higher education. The scholarship is awarded to applicants who best exemplify the ideals of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicant must be a resident of Decatur, Illinois.
2. Any student (traditional and/or non-traditional) pursuing a post high school education is eligible to apply.
Included are students who will be:
 - (a) freshmen or sophomores at a four-year college/university;
 - (b) attending a junior college or community college;
 - (c) attending a school of nursing;
 - (d) attending a trade or technical school; or
 - (e) high school graduating seniors, Spring 2010.
3. The applicant must have achieved a cumulative grade point average of a C+ or higher by the close of the previous semester.
4. Any applicant who is a high school senior must provide a copy of the letter of acceptance from his/her designated post high school program.

Essay Judging Criteria

1. Length of the essay
2. Development of the topic
3. Level of expressing ideas with supportive data
4. Demonstration of real insight into the legacy of Dr. King
5. Grammar
6. List of sources/references

Other Criteria

1. Application must be completed in its entirety before any consideration is given. Please make sure all information is correct. All scholarship applications must be postmarked by Monday, April 12, 2010.
2. Human Relations Commission and MLK Steering Committee members and their immediate families are ineligible for the scholarship.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Award is administered by the MLK Steering Committee. The \$1,000 scholarship is a one-time award and may be used for expenses associated with college and campus life. If selected, the check will be made payable to the recipient.

THE DECISION OF THE MLK COMMITTEE IS FINAL!

For additional information, please contact Elsie Walters or French Wilson at:

Human Resources
City of Decatur
1 Gary K. Anderson Plaza
Decatur, IL 62523-1196
Phone: (217) 424-2805
Fax: (217) 424-2770

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHOLARSHIP

Application Procedures

1. The applicant must complete the attached application form.
2. The applicant must submit a 1,000-1,500 word, typed, double spaced essay on "The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." Attach the essay to the application. Remember to include your name on the cover page of the essay. Number each page of the essay.
3. The applicant must submit his/her high school or college transcript and three letters of character references. The recommendations may come from teachers, employers, clergy, and other responsible individuals (excluding family members) who can attest to your goals and educational career.
4. A letter of acceptance from the institution must be attached.
5. The completed application and all attachments (see checklist) must be postmarked by Monday, April 12, 2010 and mailed to French Wilson, Human Resources, City of Decatur, #1 Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, IL 62523.

Checklist for Scholarship Application

- I have completed the application.
- I have attached the essay.
- I have submitted three letters of character references.
- I have submitted my high school or college transcripts.
- I have included a letter of acceptance from my institution.

For our information, we would like to know how you heard about the scholarship awards program:

**REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Educational Background

High school or college attending _____

Current grade point average _____ Cumulative GPA _____ on a _____ point scale

Name of institution where you have been accepted or attending _____

Educational goals _____

Professional goals _____

Please list any "special circumstances" that should be considered:

(Please use additional paper, if necessary.)

I do hereby attest that the information I have included in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Name _____ Signature _____
(please print or type)