

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 2010 Student **Essay** Competition



Living the Dream, Inc.

Living the Dream, Inc. is sponsoring its *9th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Essay Competition* for Topeka area students in 1st – 12th grades.

Prizes and Recognition

Awards will be presented to the *first, second, and third place winners* in each grade category on **Friday, January 15, 2010** at the *Phillip V. Ashford, Jr. Stop the Violence Day* at the Topeka Performing Arts Center, 214 SE Eighth Street. **First place** winners in grades **1st– 6th** will receive a **\$50.00 gift card**; **second place** winners will receive a **\$35.00 gift card**; and **third place** winners will receive a **\$25.00 gift card**. **First place winners in grades 7th – 12th** will receive a **\$100.00 award**; **second place winners** will receive a **\$75.00 award**; and **third place winners** will receive a **\$50.00 award**. All participants will receive a certificate of participation. The winners' names will be printed in the Topeka Capital-Journal.

Who is invited to enter?

Essays will be judged in grade competition categories as follows:

1st -2nd Grades 3-4th Grades 5-6th Grades 7-8th Grades 9-10th Grades 11-12th Grades

Format for Essay

- Grades 7th - 12th **TYPED or HANDWRITTEN (legible) in 500 words or less**
- Grades 1st - 6th **TYPED or HANDWRITTEN (legible) in 100 words or less**
- All essay entries submitted shall be double-spaced and must be submitted in a neat and orderly manner as the winning essays will be shown at the awards banquet and at other locales. The submitter's name should also be typed or printed legibly on the essay.
- Failure to comply with rules of entry can result in the essay not being eligible for judging and awards

Essay Themes

Each essay should represent the writer's interpretation of peace, diversity, justice, human rights or non-violence as reflected in a quote or principle from advocates such as *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mahatma K. Gandhi, César E. Chavez, Nelson Mandela or a great leader who represents these principles to you.*

Where do I send submissions?

Essays and completed entry forms should be mailed or delivered to: **The Topeka Capital-Journal, LTD Essay Contest, 616 S. E. Jefferson, Topeka, Kansas 66607.** Submissions can also be E-mailed to the Capital-Journal's E-mail Address: **ltdessaycontest@cjonline.com.**

What is the submission deadline?

All entries must be submitted no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 11, 2009.** Winners will be notified by mail, phone or email during the **week of January 4, 2010.**

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
2010 Student **Essay** Competition Entry Form
Living the Dream, Inc.

School Name: _____

Teacher's name and email _____

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Grade Category: (Please check a category and circle your grade.)

_____ 1st - 2nd Grade
_____ 7th - 8th Grade

_____ 3rd - 4th Grade
_____ 9th - 10th Grade

_____ 5th - 6th Grade
_____ 11th - 12th Grade

Student's Name: _____ Student's Age: _____

Student's Address: _____

Email _____

Student's Phone Number: _____

Essay Title: _____

I understand that my child's essay will be entered and judged in the **Living the Dream, Inc. Student Essay Competition**. I further understand and consent to any subsequent printing and display of the essay as deemed appropriate by Living the Dream, Inc. I understand that this essay is submitted for the sole purpose of this competition and will not be sold or otherwise used for any commercial purpose unless permission is given by me, as guardian of the above named student. I understand that this essay will only be considered if submitted in accordance with the rules by the **December 11, 2009 deadline to *The Topeka Capital-Journal***. I consent to the use of this submission to be judged in the Essay Competition and fully understand that my child has no entitlements or guarantees of prizes or recognition as a result of this entry, unless he or she is selected as one of the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place winners by the designated judges for the Essay Competition.

(MUST BE SIGNED TO BE ELIGIBLE)

Parent or Legal Guardian (Print) _____ Date _____

(Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature) _____

Student's Name (Print) _____

(Student's Signature) _____

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