

# Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 2010 Student **Poetry** Competition



## Living the Dream, Inc.

**Living the Dream, Inc.** is sponsoring its *Fourth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Poetry Competition* for Topeka area students in grades 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>.

### Prizes and Recognition

Poetry contestants will recite their poems on **Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 6:30 pm** in the Wymore Auditorium at Westar Energy, 818 S. Kansas Avenue. Awards will be presented to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners after the poetry readings have been judged at the January 15, 2010 *Phillip V. Ashford, Jr. Stop the Violence Day* at the Topeka Performing Arts Center. **First place** winners in grades 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> will receive a **\$50.00 gift card**; **second place** winners will receive a **\$35.00 gift card**; **third place** winners will receive a **\$25.00 gift card**. **First place** winners in grade categories 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> will receive a **\$100.00 award**; **second place** winners will receive a **\$75.00 award**; **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?

Poetry entries will be judged in the 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade categories. First, second, and third place awards will be given in each grade category. The categories are as follows: 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade; 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade; 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>; and 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade.

### Poetry Format

Poems can be typed or written in legible handwriting. All poems must be the original work of the student. Offensive or profane language is prohibited. Students will be required to memorize and recite their poems at the judging competition.

### Poetry Themes

Poems submitted should represent the writer's interpretation of peace, diversity, justice, non-violence or human rights as reflected in a quote or principle from advocates such as *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mahatma K. Gandhi, César E. Chavez, or Nelson Mandela*.

### Where Do I Send Poetry Submissions?

Entries can be submitted by one of the following methods: (1) Mailed to LoRenda Bradley at: *Living the Dream Poetry Contest, P.O. Box 44, Topeka, KS 66601*; (2) Faxed to Ms. Bradley at (785) 575-6044; or (3) E-mailed to Ms. Bradley at [lorendab1@att.net](mailto:lorendab1@att.net). If you should have any questions regarding the Poetry Competition, please contact Ms. Bradley at (785) 575-1688.

### What is the Submission Deadline?

All entries must be submitted **no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, December 11, 2009**. Contestants will be notified **the week of December 28, 2009**.

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Living the Dream, Inc.  
2010 Student **Poetry** Competition Entry Form

**Grades: (Please check your grade below.)**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Age \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Poem \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that my child's poem will be entered and judged in the **Living the Dream, Inc. Student Poetry Competition**. I further understand and consent to any subsequent printing and display of the poem as deemed appropriate by Living the Dream, Inc. I understand that this poem 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 poem will only be considered if submitted by the **deadline of December 11, 2009**. I consent to the use of this submission to be judged in the Poetry 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners by the designated judges for the competition.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note: Failure to complete and sign the entry document may result in LTD not being able to use your poem. Entries can be submitted by one of the following methods: (1) Mailed to LoRenda Bradley at: *Living the Dream Poetry Contest, P.O. Box 44, Topeka, KS 66601*; (2) Faxed to Ms. Bradley at (785) 575-6044; or (3) E-mailed to Ms. Bradley at [lorendab1@att.net](mailto:lorendab1@att.net).**