

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY 2021 ESSAY & POETRY CONTEST

Theme: *“The ultimate measure of a (person) is not where (they) stand in moments of comfort and convenience, but where (they) stand at times of challenge and controversy.”*

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

\$1000 in Prizes for Local Youth and Teens

This year’s theme is based on Dr. King’s comments about the importance of speaking up for our ideals.

We welcome entries that express your thoughts on this idea or any aspect of Dr. King’s life and legacy.

Essay entries must be a single essay of 1,000 words or less. Poetry entries can be no more than two poems of fewer than 50 lines each. The writer’s name, age, and parental or school contact information must appear at the end of entry.

The prizes will be awarded, and First Prize Winners will read their essays and poems during Santa Barbara’s Martin Luther King Day Weekend of Events, **January 18, 2021**. (virtual event TBD)

**Entries must be emailed
and received no later than**

Monday, November 10, 2020

to the following email addresses based on your school (only students in these areas listed below qualify for contest consideration):

**Santa Barbara, Goleta, Isla Vista,
and Hope Ranch schools**

Lillian Pipersburg: belize1@cox.net

Carpinteria/Summerland/Montecito schools

Christine Gilbert: cgilbert@cusd.net

Lompoc and Santa Ynez Valley schools

Linda Ryles: windmillryles@msn.com



Submit
your entry in one of
four categories

Essay: Ages 6-12 OR Ages 13-18
Poetry: Ages 13-18 OR Ages 13-18

Each category will have
three prize-winners

First Prize: \$125 | Second Prize: \$75
Third Prize: \$50

The Martin Luther King Day Essay & Poetry Contest is sponsored by the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee of Santa Barbara and is presented in conjunction with the Anti-Defamation League’s No Place for Hate Initiative. For more information on Martin Luther King Day activities and the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee of Santa Barbara visit www.mlksb.org or info@mlksb.org | P.O. Box 475, Santa Barbara, CA 93102