

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
HOLIDAY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

P. O. BOX 201970
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44120-8116

216.229.0306 - Telephone

MLKScholars@KingBreakfast.org

www.KingBreakfast.org

September 2017

Dear Northeast Ohio Morehouse/Spelman College Student:

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Scholarship Committee of Cleveland, Ohio cordially invites you to enter an essay contest in honor of the National Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. This Morehouse/Spelman Scholarship is provided to help underserved Northeast Ohio students attend college through a generous donation provided by the Third Federal Foundation. The winner will be known as the **"MLK-Northeast Ohio Morehouse/Spelman College Scholar"** for his/her class, and be awarded a scholarship and other prizes.

The Eighteenth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Breakfast Celebration® is planned for Monday, January 15, 2018 at 7:30 A.M. at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Cleveland Downtown. It is sponsored by MLK Holiday Scholarship Committee. The purposes of the Breakfast Celebration are to continue the tradition of a meaningful and honorable community program that celebrates the life, work and legacy of Dr. King on the holiday. We also aim to pass Dr. King's legacy on to the next generation and highlight the creative genius of young people of Greater Cleveland and Northeast Ohio. Each of the Scholars will be announced to the Community at the Breakfast.

Please find enclosed an application and detailed information about this scholarship. This letter and related information may be duplicated and distributed among your friends and classmates who meet the criteria.

It is our hope that you will be very active in programs that honor the work and celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Thank you for your time, interest, and consideration.

Sincerely,

The MLK Holiday Scholarship Committee

Contact Person:
Dr. Corttrell Kinney
(216) 229-0306

JANUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	X					

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE, WORK AND LEGACY OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.®**

MLK-NORTHEAST OHIO MOREHOUSE/ SPELMAN COLLEGE
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

SPONSORED BY THE

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
CLEVELAND, OHIO AND THIRD FEDERAL FOUNDATION

Please PRINT

NAME

OHIO ADDRESS

OHIO CITY/ZIP/COUNTY

10 DIGIT OHIO PHONE

10 DIGIT CELL PHONE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

GEORGIA ADDRESS

GEORGIA CITY/ZIP

YEAR

GPA

MAJOR

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS ACCURATE. I AGREE TO ACCEPT THE DECISION OF THE CONTEST JUDGES AS FINAL. I UNDERSTAND THAT FALSE INFORMATION, AN INCOMPLETE ENTRY PACKAGE OR PLAGARISM WILL ELIMINATE MY ESSAY FROM CONSIDERATION.

SIGNATURE

DATE

Please mail your essay, completed application, *official* Morehouse/Spelman College transcript, and two letters of recommendation (must be postmarked not later than Friday, November 24, 2017) to:

MLK Holiday Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 201970
Cleveland, Ohio 44120

MLK-NORTHEAST OHIO MOREHOUSE/ SPELMAN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

THE DETAILS

WHAT

An essay on the topic listed below

TOPIC

"The time is always right to do what is right"

(This is also the 2018 MLK Breakfast Celebration Theme)

The essay must discuss how, "The time is always right to do what is right," relates to the life, work, and legacy of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.

SCHOLARSHIP VALUE

4 scholarships @ \$1500 each

CONTEST ELIGIBILITY

- Full time enrollment in Morehouse/Spelman College
- GPA: 2.70 or higher
- Residence in one of the following Ohio Counties: Ashtabula, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

Length: 2-3 Pages

Format: Typed

Double Spaced

Font: Calibri or Arial

Font Size: 12

Cover Page

Essay Topic Centered/Middle of the Page

Full Name and Class Year Centered under Essay Topic

Name and page number as part of footer on each page (except the Cover Page)

DATE DUE

All essay packets must be postmarked no later than **Friday, November 24, 2017**

FACULTY REVIEW

Your essay must be reviewed by a Morehouse/Spelman Faculty member. She or He may also be the author of one of your letters of recommendation. His/her printed name, signature and date are to be placed on the last page of your essay under the designation of "Faculty Reviewer."

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Two: At least one of which must be from a Morehouse/Spelman College faculty member, the other may be from anyone else except, a family member. Both **typed** letters must:

- tell of your character, community service, lifestyle and educational pursuits, and how they are in keeping with the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- have the ***printed*** name and signature of the author, his/her relationship to you and a mailing address and phone number

THE EVALUATION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

Each essay will be judged by members of the MLK Holiday Scholarship Committee using the criteria listed in the ***“MLK-Northeast Ohio Morehouse/Spelman Essay Contest Rubrics”***. The decision of the judges is final.

ESSAY PACKET

- Essay + Faculty Review Sign-off – Last Page
- Completed Application
- ***Official*** copy of your most recent Morehouse/Spelman College Transcript with grades
- Two Letters of Recommendation

*****Please Note:***

Essays become the property of the MLK Holiday Scholarship Committee and will **NOT** be returned. Incomplete essay packets or faxed/e-mailed essays will **NOT** be considered for the competition. Please be sure to use enough first class postage to ensure delivery.

MLK-N.E. Ohio Morehouse/Spelman Essay Contest Rubrics

This is the criteria by which your essay will be evaluated.

Topic: “The time is always right to do what is right”

CATEGORY	Excellent - 4	Good - 3	Satisfactory - 2	Needs Improvement - 1
Writing Process	Student devotes a lot of time and effort to the writing process (prewriting, drafting, reviewing, and editing). Works hard to make the essay wonderful.	Student devotes sufficient time and effort to the writing process (prewriting, drafting, reviewing, and editing). Works and gets the job done.	Student devotes some time and effort to the writing process but was not very thorough. Does enough to get by.	Student devotes little time and effort to the writing process. Doesn't seem to care.
Focus on Assigned Topic	The entire essay is related to the assigned topic and allows the reader to understand much more about the topic.	Most of the essay is related to the assigned topic. The story wanders off at one point, but the reader can still learn something about the topic.	Some of the essay is related to the assigned topic, but a reader does not learn much about the topic.	No attempt has been made to relate the essay to the assigned topic.
Organization	The essay is very well organized. One idea follows another in a logical sequence with clear transitions.	The essay is pretty well organized. One idea may seem out of place. Clear transitions are used.	The essay is a little hard to follow. The transitions are sometimes not clear.	Ideas seem to be randomly arranged. No coherence at all.
Accuracy of Information	All information presented in the essay is accurate.	Almost all information presented in the essay is accurate.	Most information presented in the essay is accurate (at least 70%).	There are several factual errors in the essay.
Spelling and Punctuation	There are no spelling or punctuation errors in the final draft. All spelling spelled consistently throughout.	There is one spelling or punctuation error in the final draft.	There are 2-3 spelling and punctuation errors in the final draft.	The final draft has more than 3 spelling and punctuation errors.
Requirements	Contestant followed and met all written requirements (# of pages, etc.).	Almost all (about 90%) the written requirements were met.	Most (about 75%) of the written requirements were met, but several were not.	Many requirements were not met.