

Essays being accepted for annual MLK essay contest

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APPLETON - The Fox Cities Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee invites youth in grades 2 through 12 to enter the 2019 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest.

The theme is "Why Keep Dreaming? A Time For Action." Writers should relate their essays to the following questions: Keeping Dr. King's words in mind, how can we ensure that we stand up and use our voices when we see racial injustice in our schools? In our neighborhood? In our world? Submissions may be in essay or poetry form, but should not exceed one page.

The deadline to submit essays is 4:30 p.m. Nov. 30. A separate sheet of paper should contain the writer's name, email, address, telephone number, school and grade. Contestants should not write names on essays and should not use staples to attach name and essay sheets.

Entries can be sent to: 2019 King Essay Contest, c/o United Way Fox Cities, 1455 Midway Road, Menasha, WI 54952. Winners will be notified by phone or email. For more information, contact Tony Gonzalez at 920-954-7211.

Winners will be invited to read their essays at the 28th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration set for 6:30 p.m. Jan. 21 at the Lawrence University Memorial Chapel.

Keynote speaker for the event is Dr. Eddie Moore Jr., one of the nation's top motivational speakers and educators, noted especially for his work with students K-16.

The event is free and open to the public.