Students invited to submit essays for MLK Jr. contest

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APPLETON - Celebrate Diversity Fox Cities has invited students in grades 2-12 to enter the 2018 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest.

Winners will be invited to read their essays at the 27th anniversary of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, set for 6:30 p.m. Jan. 15 at Lawrence University’s Memorial Chapel in Appleton.

The keynote speaker for the event is Ally Wane, an undocumented organizer originally from Senegal. He has worked with numerous human rights groups, including the American Friends Service Committee, the Syracuse Peace Council and the Black Alliance for Just Immigration.

The theme of the 27th annual celebration is “Those who have been left out.” King stated that he wanted to be with “those who have been left out.”

Writers should relate their essays to the following question: What can I do personally and how can we work together to build a world where all feel included? 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. 17. A sheet of paper separate from the essay 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 2018 King Essay Contest, c/o United Way Fox Cities, 1455 Midway Road, Menasha, WI 54952. Winners will be notified by phone or email. Questions about the contest can be directed to Tony Gonzalez at 920-954-7211.