

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING PARADE FOUNDATION, INC.
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**



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SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION PROCESS

ELIGIBILITY

To enter the Dr. Martin Luther King Parade Foundation (MLKPF) Scholarship contest, an applicant must meet certain basic requirements and submit all the requested information. To be considered an applicant you must:

- Apply for one of the three MLKPF Scholarships listed below.

- Exemplify high moral character, a heart for service, and a familiarity with the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- Be a high school senior in a Hillsborough County public, private, charter or home school.

- Have a 2.5 Grade Point Average (GPA) (State or District) or above at the time of application submission.

CRITERIA

- All applicants must submit an essay between 350 and 700 words on the topic, “What Dr. Martin Luther King’s life means to me and how I will live his dream”.

- All applicants must submit two letters of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or administrator from the school they attend.

- All applicants must submit some evidence of community service or participation in charitable activities

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- First Generation College Student Award – A student who will become the first in their family to attend a junior college or post-secondary institution.

- Most Improved Student Award – A student who can demonstrate significant improvement in their grades and/ or behavioral history from the time they entered high school to their senior year.

- Academic Excellence Award – The student with the highest verifiable GPA of all applicants.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please submit your application packet, **postmarked no later than November 30th**, including the following:

- Applicant Information (completed)
- Essay (typed)
- Current, official certified transcript
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Media Release Form (completed)

Application must be printed or typed in Times New Roman, 12-point font. Please pay attention to grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

Submit your application, essay, current official certified transcript, letters of recommendation and media release form to:

**Scholarship Committee
Dr. Martin Luther King Parade Foundation, Inc.
5508 North 50th Street, Suite 28
Tampa, Florida 33610**

The application packet must be **postmarked by November 30th**.

FINANCIAL AWARD PROCESS

Student shall enroll in the **Fall semester** of a Community College or University to be eligible to receive MLKPF funds. Awards will be disbursed upon receipt of proof of enrollment. Proof can be mailed or e-mailed to:

Dr. Martin Luther King Parade Foundation, Inc.
5508 N 50th Street, Ste. 28
Tampa, FL. 33610
scholarship@mlkjrparade.com

Applicant Information
(attach additional sheets if necessary)

Contact Information

Applicant Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cellular Telephone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cellular Telephone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

School Information

High School: _____

Do you have an after-school job? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, where do you work? _____

List any extracurricular activities in which you participate including, school, church, civic, social, community, athletic and/or other organizations. Include any and all offices held:

List any honors and awards received while attending High School:

List talents, hobbies and other interests:

What College or University would you like to attend?

What is your intended major and career goals?

Parent/Legal Guardian Affirmation and Consent

I _____, as the parent or guardian of _____ give consent to him or her to participate in the MLKPF Scholarship program including attending the Parade Foundation Gala to receive a scholarship award.

I further acknowledge and affirm that I have read all the materials and documentation contained in the MLK Scholarship application packet and understand the financial award process.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian _____

Date _____

ESSAY

Please submit an essay between 350 and 700 words on the topic, "What Dr. Martin Luther King's life means to me and how I will live his dream".

MEDIA RELEASE FORM FOR MINORS

I am aware that the Dr. Martin Luther King Parade Foundation, Inc. may videotape or photograph its service projects, programs and events. For photos or videos of applicants under the age of 18 to appear on the Foundation's website, published materials, or media broadcasts, I understand that my written permission is required.

Further, I understand that information broadcast and/or published by the Dr. Martin Luther King Parade Foundation, Inc. may be accessed by the public at any time. Accordingly, I give my consent for my child's picture, voice, likeness, or work to appear in television broadcasts, video, film, photographs, recordings, and/or on the Dr. Martin Luther King Parade Foundation, Inc. website.

APPLICANT NAME: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

DATE: _____