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**TO:** Superintendents, Principals, Administrators, Directors, Head Masters and Deans:  
For distribution to ELA Teachers, History Teachers & Art Teachers

**FROM:** Steven M. Earle, Director  
Office for Diversity and Access

**SUBJECT:** Request for Submissions:  
**2019 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Fine Arts & Essay  
Exhibition** Sponsored by the New York State Education  
Department

**DATE:** October 31, 2018

We are pleased to announce that the New York State Education Department will sponsor an event in recognition of the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year, as in prior years, we honor Dr. King's memory by inviting schools to submit student art and essays that reflect Dr. King's teaching. Schools may submit original artwork illustrating Dr. King's Six Principles and Steps of Nonviolence or essays celebrating Dr. King's birthday from students enrolled in any K-12 program. As part of the celebration, all entries will be exhibited on the Concourse level of the Empire State Plaza located in Albany, the state capital.

***We encourage all schools to join in this initiative honoring Dr. King  
and we look forward to receiving this year's submissions.***

Dr. King's Six Principles and Six Steps of Nonviolence will provide you with additional guidance. They can be found by following this link: <http://www.thekingcenter.org/king-philosophy#sub2>. Please note that the essay component is designed to encourage students to examine the ways in which they can celebrate Dr. King's birthday all year long. Student essays have consistently focused on core ideas of social justice and Nonviolence while artwork has included many types of media; digital photography, sculpture, and installations. Please note that this exhibition is not a "contest". All via submissions will be exhibited. As always, we look forward to the creativity and understanding students demonstrate in developing their ideas on these themes.

**Please note that all entries must be postmarked by Monday, December 17, 2018.**

**THEME      Remember! Celebrate! Act! King's Vision: Humanity Tied in a Single Garment**

**PURPOSE**

- To understand that January 21, 2019 commemorates the birthday of Dr. King and reminds all Americans of his dreams and goals for this nation
- To have the opportunity to take part in the celebration of Dr. King's birthday
- To reflect on ways to celebrate Dr. King's birthday and legacy in everyday life
- To have the opportunity to learn about the social, political and economic factors that contributed to the civil rights movement
- To learn about the philosophy of nonviolence as practiced by Dr. King and to understand its relevance for today's society
- To appreciate and respect the contributions and rights of others without regard to the similarities or differences they may present

## ENTRY CATEGORIES

- \* Painting \* Drawing \* Photography \* Writing
- Due to space constraints and safety precautions for the art, **sculptures and 3-dimensional works will no longer be accepted**. While we STRONGLY encourage students to still create these works, please submit a matted 12 x 18 image of the work instead.

## GUIDELINES

- Distribute to students Dr. King's Six Principles and Six Steps of Nonviolence
- Encourage students to create:
  - **Artwork based on one or more of Dr. King's principles, And/Or**
  - **Essays about the ways in which they can celebrate Dr. King's birthday all year long.**

## GRADE LEVELS

All students enrolled in grades K-12 in New York State public and non-public schools are eligible to submit entries.

- \* Level 1: Kindergarten - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- \* Level 2: 4<sup>th</sup> grade - 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- \* Level 3: 7<sup>th</sup> grade - 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- \* Level 4: 9<sup>th</sup> grade - 12<sup>th</sup> grade

## ENTRY PROCEDURES

- The Student Information Sheet must be emailed to [alyssa.oggiono@ogs.ny.gov](mailto:alyssa.oggiono@ogs.ny.gov) Additionally, a hardcopy of the Student information sheet must be completed for Each Submission and attached to each individual work being mailed.
- A **maximum** of one piece of artwork **and** one essay entry may be submitted per student. Group work within each level is permitted and encouraged.
- A 3" by 5" card with the title and brief description of the work must be submitted **with each artwork entry**.
- All entry information must be neatly printed or typed.
- Paintings, drawings and photographs should be no larger than 12" x 18".
- Essays should be one page in length, whether typed or handwritten. Please submit essays in a plastic sleeve or folder for protection.
- Artwork must be neatly matted for display purposes, and should be mailed flat, rather than in poster tubes.
- For heavier paintings, students should place hanging wire or hooks on the back of artwork so that it can be displayed.
- **Each school should designate an official who will be responsible for submitting his/her school's selected entries with a typed statement on school letterhead describing the entries along with a type-written list of students that participated from the school.**

### **Please note:**

- **Schools are encouraged to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope so that art and essays can be returned if you prefer.**
- **We are not responsible for lost or damaged entries.**
- **All entries submitted without a self-addressed envelope will become the property of the State of New York and will not be returned.**
- **All entries must be postmarked no later than Monday, December 17, 2018 to be included in the display.**

### **PLEASE SUBMIT ENTRIES TO:**

**Curatorial and Visitor Services**

**Attention: Alyssa Oggiono**

Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza

Concourse Room 120

Albany, New York 12242

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**STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET**

**2018 NYS DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. FINE ART & ESSAY EXHIBITION**

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Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza  
Concourse Room 120  
Albany, New York 12242**

For questions and/or clarifications on the submission process, please contact Alyssa Oggiono at (518) 473-7521 or via email at [alyssa.oggiono@ogs.ny.gov](mailto:alyssa.oggiono@ogs.ny.gov)

**PLEASE SUBMIT ONE ENTRY FORM FOR EACH PIECE**

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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STUDENT NAMES: Please print or type (additional space on back)

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