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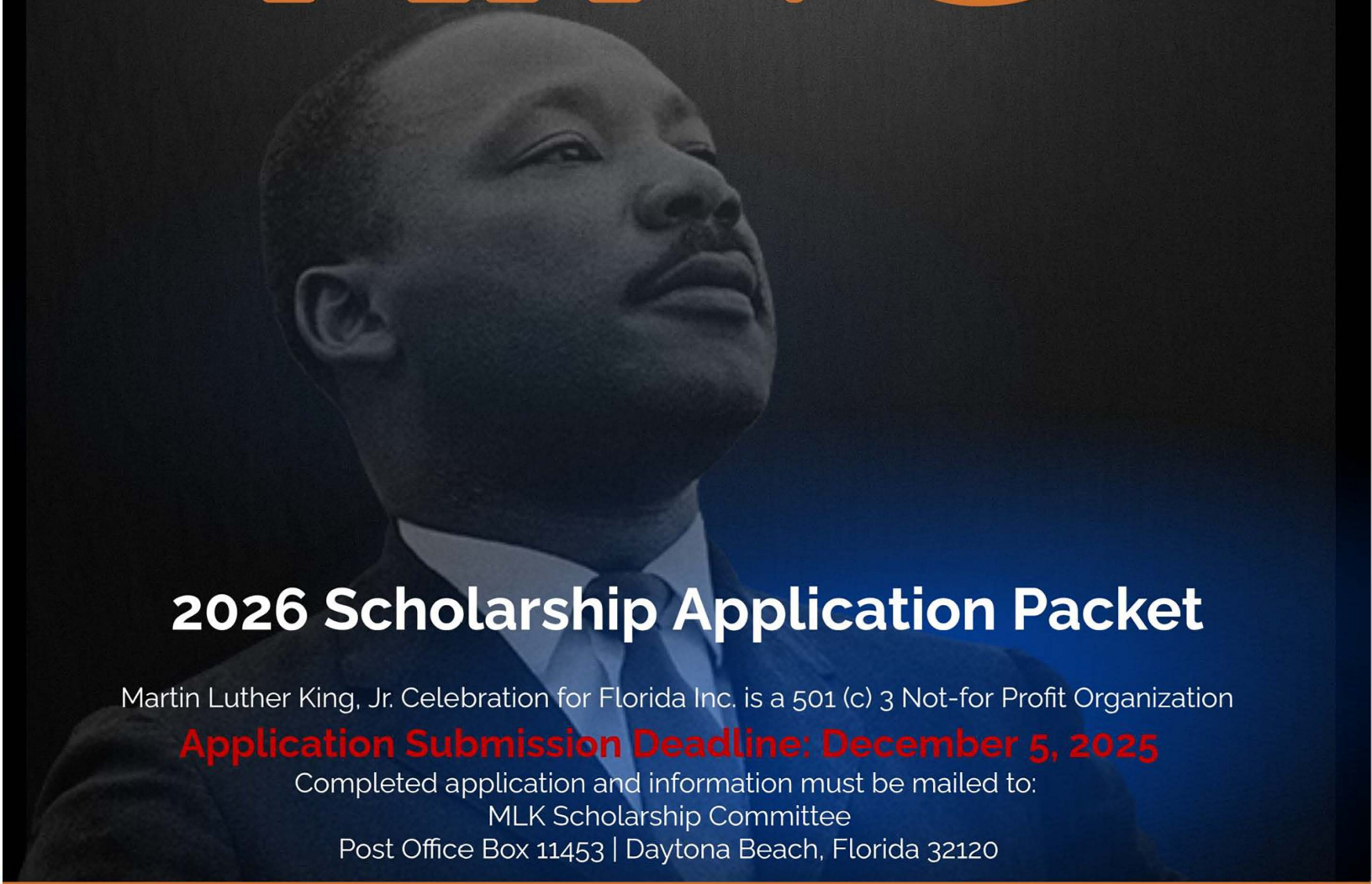

2026 Scholarship Application Packet

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration for Florida Inc. is a 501 (c) 3 Not-for Profit Organization

Application Submission Deadline: December 5, 2025

Completed application and information must be mailed to:
MLK Scholarship Committee
Post Office Box 11453 | Daytona Beach, Florida 32120

QUESTIONS: INFO@MLKDAYTONABEACH.ORG

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED/POSTMAKED BY DECEMBER 5, 2025

OVERVIEW

The Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration for Florida Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the awarding of two (2) Scholarships listed below:

1. **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR**: ***(Cumulative High School GPA of 3.0 or greater)*** Scholarships will be awarded for **$1,000.00** to honor the life and legacy of the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The purpose of this award is to assist recipients with expenses while attending a postsecondary institution.
2. **TRAYVON MARTIN**: ***(Cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 - 2.9)*** Scholarships will be awarded for **$1,000.00**. The loss of Trayvon Martin's life was a horrific wake-up call to us all. The purpose of the award is to assist the recipients with expenses to attend a college or a career and technical school.

The scholarship committee will review all application information and rank applicants based on the attached criteria. Recipients will be notified of awards by phone and mail no later than January 6, 2026.

NOTE: AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS IS THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST MEET ALL CRITERIA TO RECEIVE THE AWARD. INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS CAN ONLY RECEIVE ONE SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE.

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Scholarship Requirements

1. Volusia County high school graduate
2. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship-Cumulative High School GPA of 3.0 or greater
3. Treyvon Martin Scholarship-Cumulative High School GPA of 2.5-2.9
4. Official High School transcript (in a sealed envelope)
5. Completion of a 700–1000-word essay, typed in a 12-point font based on ONE of the topics below.

TOPIC 1: ***Describe a moment in your life when you stood up for justice, equality, or fairness. How does this experience connect to Dr. King's message.***

TOPIC 2: ***Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dedicated his life to justice, equality, and service to others. How do you strive to carry on his legacy in your school, community, or personal life?"***

TOPIC 3: ***"Building Bridges, Not Walls, Lessons from Dr. King" - In a time of political division and misunderstanding, Dr. King's message of unity is more important than ever. How can we build bridges between people who are different from us ---- race, religion, politics, or backgrounds?***

6. Three (3) ***separate letters*** of recommendations from ***non-family members***, which encompass
    - ***a.*** Verification of your role in **community activities** outside of school projects.
    - ***b.*** Describe/list involvement in **extra-curricular activities in school**.
    - ***c.*** **Teacher recommendation** of why you should receive this award.

ALL letters must be on official letterhead. Please clearly identify on each letter whether it is community, extra-curricular or teacher recommendation *(you may write this on the top right on each letter). If the committee is unable to determine the letter type, the letter or letters will not be considered.*

7. Photo Release Form signed by a parent or guardian.
8. Acceptance and enrollment verification on university/college letterhead at an accredited institution of higher education for the fall 2026 semester. These documents should be submitted as soon as they are available.

Recipients of the Scholarship must also:

9. Attend the MLK Banquet - (Date and Time TBA)
10. Attend the MLK Breakfast, Celebratory March and Festival - (Date and Time TBA)
11. Write Thank You Letters to their presenting Sponsors
12. Participate in a day of service project. TBD
13. Participate in *community service, volunteering a minimum of 15 hours. Hours must be served and completed between February 1st and July 13th 2026.

****Event, Service Projects and Community Services requirements may be subject to change. Recipients' community service hours cannot be served with school or an organization that the Recipient is already serving in or a member of.***

Scholarship Application

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**Incomplete Applications will not be processed*

Which Scholarship are you applying for: ☐ **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** ☐ **Treyvon Martin**

Last Name: _____ **First Name**: _____ **Middle Initial:** _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

U.S. Citizen: ☐ Yes ☐ No Volusia County Resident: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Current High School: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Expected high school graduation date: _____

Have you applied to a College/University: ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, have you been accepted: ☐ Yes No ☐

College/University you wish to attend: _____ Career Goal: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent Telephone Number: _____

Parent Email: _____

Application Agreement

It is understood that false statements on this application shall be sufficient cause for application rejection. I,_____certify that all information on this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that if I am awarded this scholarship, I must submit the following information, or the scholarship will be forfeited:

- **Verification of Community Service hours completed between February 1, and July 16, 2026**
- **2026 acceptance letter from my college, university or technical school**
- **Fall 2026 class schedule**

I,_____authorize the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration for Florida Inc. Scholarship Committee to share my information with scholarship sponsors.

Student Signature:_____ Parent/Guardian:_____

Photo Release Authorization Form

As a scholarship recipient, the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration for Florida Inc. Scholarship Committee will be taking photos of students, student activities, etc. The scholarship committee reserves the right to use these photos for news releases, the website, sponsorships, program-related video and slide presentations, marketing purposes, etc.

We feel that these are legitimate opportunities for students to be in the “limelight” and promote the opportunities of scholarships provided within the community.

☐ Yes, I grant permission to use my child’s photo for the purposes listed above.

☐ No, do not use my student’s photo.

Student’s Name (print):_____

Parent’s Signature_____ Date_____