

2021 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Poster-Essay Contest

Rules and Information

Sponsors: The Vermont Bar Association's Diversity Section and Young Lawyers Division

Theme: "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies but the silence of our friends."

Eligibility: Vermont Middle School Students

Criteria: Each of the criteria listed below must be met:

- The poster and essay must relate to the theme above.
- Essays must be written or typed on a separate sheet of paper and taped to the back of the poster. No more than 250 words per essay for entries. Essays to explain how the poster reflects Dr. King's "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies but the silence of our friends" message.
- Any drawing instruments may be used for the poster; computer generated art or photos taken by the student may also be incorporated into the poster design.
- A completed entry form must be taped to the back of each poster.
- Posters may not be larger than 12" x 18" on white paper. Lamination is optional.
- One submission per student or student team. Teams of up to two students permitted.
- Essays will be judged on relevance to theme, spelling, grammar, punctuation, content and creativity.
- Posters will be judged on relevance to theme, quality of design and creativity.

Deadline: All submissions must be postmarked on or before December 18, 2020 or hand-delivered to the VBA Office, 35-37 Court Street, Montpelier VT 05601-0100, by 4:30 p.m. on December 18, 2020.

Prizes: Three winners will be selected. The 1st place winner will receive a plaque and his or her school will receive a traveling trophy, to be returned the following year for presentation to the winning student's school that year. The 2nd and 3rd place winners will receive framed certificates. All winners will be invited to a ceremony at the Vermont Statehouse around the time of the Martin Luther King, Jr. 2021 holiday for recognition (assuming that such gatherings will be allowed at that time; otherwise, the awards will be presented in an alternative manner), and the winning posters will be displayed at the Vermont Supreme Court Building, published in the Vermont Bar Journal, and posted on the www.vtbar.org website.

More Information: If you have questions about this contest, please contact the Vermont Bar Association at 802-223-2020 or e-mail info@vtbar.org. Thank you and good luck!

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Poster-Essay Contest Entry Form*

Name _____

Grade _____

School/Home School _____

Teacher Name _____

Teacher E-Mail Address _____

Teacher Phone Number _____

By submitting this entry, the student confirms that the attached poster and essay are solely his or her own work product, and agrees that once submitted, the poster and essay become the property of the Vermont Bar Association for display or publication purposes.

* If you are a student team of two, please indicate both names. Student team members must be from the same school/home school.