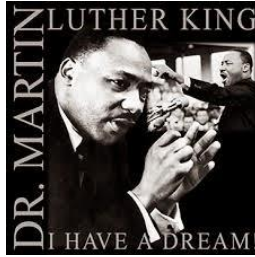


Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – Living the Dream, Inc. 2022 Student Poetry Competition



Living the Dream, Inc. is sponsoring its **15th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Poetry Competition** for Topeka area students in grades fifth through twelve.

Prizes and Recognition

Certificates and awards will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner in each grade category during a special virtual presentation on the King Holiday, **Monday, January 17, 2022**. Winners will be notified by email. Each winner's name will also be printed in the Topeka Capital-Journal or on-line as print space allows.

Who May Enter?

All **electronic** poetry entries will be judged in the following grade categories:

▪5th-6th grade

▪7th-8th grade

▪9th-10th grade

▪11th-12th grade

Poetry Competition Guidelines

All poems must be submitted in an **electronic** format. Poems should be typed and the original work of the student. Each judge's scoring will be based on the structure, originality, and creativity of the poem. Offensive and profane language is prohibited.

Poetry Themes

Poems submitted should represent the student's interpretation of diversity, peace, unity, human rights, justice, or nonviolence as reflected in quotes or principles from civil rights leaders such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mahatma K. Gandhi, César E. Chavez, Nelson Mandela, Rosa Parks, Mother Teresa, NAACP Legal Defense Attorney Charles Hamilton Houston, Topeka Attorneys Charles Scott, John Scott, and Charles Bledsoe or another great civil rights leader. Students may also submit a poem that promotes the **2022 Living the Dream Theme: "We Must Accept Finite Disappointment, But Never Lose Infinite Hope."**

Where Do I Send My Electronic Poetry Entry?

All poems and the signed Poetry entry forms should be emailed to: **Mrs. Cindy White**, Chairperson, Living the Dream Poetry Competition at: clwhite4ku@cox.net. If you should have questions regarding the Poetry Competition, please contact Mrs. White at (785) 249-3396.

When is the Deadline Date?

All poems and signed entry forms must be emailed by **4:30 pm on Monday, December 6, 2021**. Winners will be notified by email the week of January 3, 2022.

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2022 Student Poetry Competition Entry Form

School Name _____ School Address _____

Teacher's Name _____
(Please print or type)

Principal's Name _____

Grade Level: (Please check your grade category below.)

- ☐ 5th - 6th Grade
- ☐ 7th - 8th Grade
- ☐ 9th - 10th Grade
- ☐ 11th - 12th Grade

Student's Name _____ Student's Age _____ Grade _____

Student's Address _____ Zip Code _____

Student's Phone Number _____ Student's Email Address _____

Title of Poem _____

I understand that my child's poem will be entered and judged in the **Living the Dream, Inc. Student Poetry Competition**. I further understand and consent to any subsequent printing and display of the poem as deemed appropriate by Living the Dream, Inc. I understand this poem is submitted for the sole purpose of the Poetry Competition and will not be sold or otherwise used for any commercial purpose unless permission is given by me, as parent and guardian of the above named child. I understand that this poem will only be considered if the entry form is signed, postmarked and submitted by **4:30 pm on December 6, 2021**. I consent to the use of this submission to be judged in the Poetry Competition. I fully understand that my child has no entitlements or guarantees of prizes or recognition as a result of this entry, unless he or she is selected as one of the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place winners by the designated judges for the Poetry Competition.

Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Email Address _____ Parent's Phone Number _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

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