



**The NAACP Annual Tuition Assistance Award
In Memory of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

The Oneonta Area Branch of the NAACP is pleased to announce that a \$1000 Tuition Assistance Award will be awarded this year. All high school seniors and entering first year college students living in the Oneonta area are encouraged to submit their application and essay entitled “*Saluting Greatness: The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*”

The purpose of this Tuition Assistance Award is to recognize students who have demonstrated the ideals and principles of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in their schools and communities. The Tuition Assistance Award committee seeks students with exemplary leadership skills who have championed the cause of cultural awareness, diversity and harmony. All students regardless of ethnic origin and gender will be considered during this competitive process.

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The winner will be notified during the month of June. Awards will be distributed upon verification of registration in a post secondary institution.

All applicants must be submitted by May 17, 2024 to:

**NAACP
Oneonta Area Branch
Education Committee
33 Elm Street
Oneonta, New York 13820
Attn: Michelle Osterhoudt, President**



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ONEONTA AREA BRANCH

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. TUITION ASSISTANCE AWARD APPLICATION

I Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Year of H.S. Graduation _____

Colleges applied to:

1. _____

2. _____

Name of High School _____

School Counselor _____ Phone _____

II Please submit a well-constructed essay of 500- 750 words on the theme “Saluting Greatness: The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.”.* Please address specifically how you have promoted any of Dr. King’s principles in words and actions within your school or community, highlighting how you have made a difference. The essay is to be typed and double-spaced.

III Please provide two references - one from your school and one from your community. Please include their addresses, phone numbers, and written recommendations, along with your application.

1. _____
Name Address Phone

2. _____
Name Address Phone

REMINDER: APPLICATION DEADLINE - May 17, 2024

* See essay description for more information



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From:
Subject: Tuition Assistance Award in Memory of Martin Luther King Jr.
Date:

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ESSAY DESCRIPTION

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Oneonta Area Branch

***DR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**
SIX PRINCIPLES OF NONVIOLENCE

PRINCIPLE ONE: Kingian Nonviolence is Not for Cowards.

Nonviolence is affirmative; standing not only against what is wrong, but also for what is right and just.

PRINCIPLE TWO: The Beloved Community is a World of Peace with Justice.

The Beloved Community is a framework for developing a future in which one can deal effectively with unjust conditions.

PRINCIPLE THREE: Attack Injustice, Not Persons Doing Unjust Deeds.

Focusing anger and indignation on personalities is not only violent, but often produces more violence or apathy about the real problems and conditions.

PRINCIPLE FOUR: Accept Suffering Without Retaliation for the Sake of the Cause to Achieve a Goal.

Willingness to endure hardship for a clearly defined just cause can have an impact on those committing acts of violence as well as on the larger community.

PRINCIPLE FIVE: Avoid Internal Violence of the Spirit as Well as the External Physical Violence.

Body language as well as verbal expression communicates our real feelings and thoughts about a particular situation. Internal conflicts and violent feelings color these expressions.

PRINCIPLE SIX: The Universe is on the Side of Justice.

Every person is opposed to wrong and unjust behavior in a particular situation. Given our understanding of the problem, we must never lose hope that human beings, even our opponents, are able to respond.