



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
 WSU 30th Annual Celebration
 Contest Entry Form



MLK Jr. Youth Celebration • Saturday, January 13, 2024

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Street Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

School: _____

Student's email _____

Teacher's Name: _____ Teacher's Email: _____

Contest Rules:

1. Contest is open to 7th- 12th graders. Poems must be based and address the theme

Beyond the Dream: The Struggle for Equity Continues

As we continue to embody Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s courage and message to call our democracy into providing access to human rights as an essential part of our civil rights, many of our communities are still fighting for labor rights, affordable housing, access to education, and inclusion and visibility of our most vulnerable communities.

This year's poetry entries will have a focus on moving, "Beyond the Dream."

Describe in your poems:

a) How you would like elected officials to see through your lens, the challenges our communities are experiencing in the struggle for equity.

and/or

b) What is your vision for how we can bring equity to any of the following challenges: labor rights, affordable housing, access to education, and inclusion and visibility of our most vulnerable communities

2. Poems must not exceed 200 words.

3. Entries will be judged by the MLK Jr. Poetry Committee- *a panel of educators, university students and community members*- for creativity, originality, and style.

4. Winners will be notified via mail/email. Winners **must attend** the Celebration in order to be recognized, and to receive their prize. The celebration will take place,

Date- Saturday January 13th 2024 Time- 9:00 a.m.

Where: Multipurpose Gym/Wellness Center-Worcester State University

5. All entries must be submitted to **MLK Jr. Youth Breakfast Poetry Contest**

via email dhargrove072@gmail.com and tnguyen89@worchester.edu

Please submit no later than 11:59p.m. Friday December 1, 2023