



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
WSU 31st Annual Celebration
Contest Entry Form



MLK Jr. Youth Celebration • Saturday, January 18, 2025

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:

Leading to Serve: Giving of Ourselves to Support Others

This year's theme is "Leading to Serve: Giving of Ourselves to Support Others."

Martin Luther King Jr. often stated that life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?" He believed that "everyone can be great because everyone can serve." He emphasized that, "service to and for others is a fundamental way for anyone to contribute to positive change and achieve greatness, regardless of their social status or position." By highlighting the importance of service, how can we improve the lives of the people of our community and how do you want to serve those around you?

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, on **Saturday, January 18th 2025 at 9:00 a.m.**
in the **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 6, 2024