

## Essay Contest Entry Form

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First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Grade in school \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

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If School Entry: \_\_\_\_\_  
School Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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- Contest Rules:**
- Only 1 entry per student
  - Student must live in Mesa County
  - Essay must be composed/written by the student only
  - Essay must be submitted by the deadline time and date
  - Essay Entry Form must be filled out completely, and have essay attached.

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- Essay Guidelines:**
- Essay must be typed on plain white, 8 1/2" x 11" paper (regular copy paper), using size 12 font, double spaced.
  - Essay topic must relate to this year's theme, Take a Stand.
  - Essay length must adhere to *age group requirement*,
    - 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 200-400 words or approximately 1 - 1.5 pages
    - 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade: 300-500 words or approximately 1.5 - 2 pages
    - College: 500-600 words or approximately 2-3 pages
  - Include a bibliography if needed, but do not count it as part of the essay length

Presented by the Grand Junction group  
Black Citizens and Friends,

# The 2019 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Essay Contest



## Take a Stand

Is this year's theme, from the quote:

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

-MLK Jr.

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### Contest Information:

- Judges will examine use of/exploration of this year's theme, content, organization, sentence fluency, voice, word choice, and writing conventions when making their decisions.
- Top three winners in each category receive a prize, the following three semi-finalists will receive a certificate of recognition.
- Winners will be announced at the MLK Jr. Celebration Brunch on Saturday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Winners not present at the Brunch announcement will be notified no later than Thursday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> – using the contact information provided with submission.
- Winning essays may be published on the MLK Jr. Celebration website

*Prizes for Essay Winners*     1<sup>st</sup> place - \$50, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$30, 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$20

**Entry Deadline:** Turn in submissions to the Children's Area desk at the Central Branch of Mesa County Library at 443 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St. in Grand Junction by 5pm on 1/10/19

\*Teachers with 5 or more entries may call 970-549-7750 for pick-up services. Call by 1/9/19.