



MORGANTOWN/KINGWOOD BRANCH

NAACP

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Morgantown/Kingwood NAACP proudly joins our partner Greater St. Paul AME Church in celebrating Martin Luther King and his legacy. As part of this recognition, we are providing students at elementary, middle, and high school levels the opportunity to learn more about civil rights in their community by participating in our Annual MLK Essay Competition. You may participate in two ways: First, invite area students to submit essays for our 2018-2019 contest. Second, be among those in the audience at the celebration at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019, at Greater St. Paul AME Church, 61 Beechurst Ave., Morgantown, WV.

This year's theme is "The 1950s vs. Today: Before and After Martin Luther King." Essays must be a minimum of 300 words and can be supplemented by artwork, photography, and video. Entries should be submitted electronically morgantown.naacp3241@gmail.com by email or mailed to MLK Essay Contest, Debbie Robinson, 1223 Vista Del Rio Drive, Morgantown, WV 26508. All entries must be submitted by January 7, 2019 11:59PM (postmarked by January 7, 2019).

The first-place winners at the elementary, middle, and high school levels will each receive a certificate and a monetary award of \$100. Students who place first also will be expected to read their essays at the MLK program on Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019, and the MLK program given by the Community Coalition for Social Justice (CCSJ) on Monday, January 21, 2019 at the Met Theater. We are requesting your help to make sure we reach every interested child in the schools and community. The essay guidelines are attached to this letter. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Debbie Robinson

This Completed Entry Form Must Accompany Each Student's Essay

1. Students must write an essay about this year's theme: "The 1950s vs. Today: Before and After Martin Luther King." *See the attached guidelines for other instructions.*
2. A student may submit only **one** entry.
3. Students' essays and entry forms should be submitted by email or mail. *See guidelines.*
Email: morgantown.naacp3241@gmail.com or **Mail:** MLK Program, Debbie Robinson, 1223 Vista Del Rio Drive, Morgantown WV 26508.
4. Students **must** provide the information requested on this entry form. All entries must be submitted by **Jan. 7, 2019**. This entry form includes a release and certification statement

that *must be signed by a parent or guardian*. See the attached guidelines for other instructions.

Entry Form and Parent/Legal Guardian Waiver Form for Grades 4-5, 6-8, 9-12

Student's Name:		Grade:	
Title of Essay:		Word Count:	
Home Mailing Address:		Student's Age:	
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Home Phone Number: <i>(including area code)</i>			
Parent/Legal Guardian's Name:			
Parent/Legal Guardian's Cell Phone Number: <i>(including area code)</i>		Parent/Legal Guardian's Email Address:	
School's Name:		County:	
School's Mailing Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
School's Phone Number: <i>(including area code)</i>			

Parent/Legal Guardian's Release Statement

As parent (or legal guardian), I acknowledge that my child has written the attached essay. Should he or she win the essay contest, I agree to allow the essay and a picture of my child to be distributed publicly. I agree that my child will be available at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019, to read an excerpt from his or her essay for the Martin Luther King Program at St. Paul AME Church, 61 Beechurst Avenue, Morgantown, WV and also at the CCSJ MLK Program at the Metropolitan Theater on Monday, Jan. 21, 2019. I also understand that the essay will be subject to disqualification if it is discovered that my child plagiarized or that the thoughts expressed are not his or her own.

I, _____,
(Print Name of Parent/Legal Guardian)

hereby certify that I am the parent/legal guardian of

(Print Name of Participating Student)

(Sign Your Name as Parent/ Legal Guardian)

(Date)