

2019 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Essay and Creative Visual Posters Contests

Aiken Technical College and the University of South Carolina Aiken will present the annual community-wide celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Sunday, January 27 at 3 p.m. at the University of South Carolina Aiken Convocation Center. The celebration is a time to reflect on the past and focus on the future of humanity as a whole. Dr. King's legacy has taught us to commit ourselves to service by serving each other and those in our communities.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Steering Committee, in conjunction with University of South Carolina Aiken's Inclusion Advisory Council (IAC), is inviting all Aiken County students to submit an original poster or written essay that draws on their experience to respond to the following questions:

- For Kindergarten-5th grade creative visual poster contest: What does the following Dr. MLK Jr.'s quote mean to you: *"The time is always right to do what is right."*

- For 6th-12th grade essay contest: What does the following Dr. MLK Jr.'s quote mean to you: *"The time is always right to do what is right."*

Successful creative visual posters/essays will answer the question, and refer specifically to personal experiences and observations.

Essay Categories: Middle School (up to 1,000 words)
High School (up to 1,500 words)

Creative Visual Posters Categories: Kindergarten-2nd grades (should be no larger than 8 by 11.5 paper)
3rd-5th grades

Eligibility: Must be a student attending a public, private or home school in Aiken County.

Prizes:

- First place essay and poster winners will receive a grand prize
- Special floor seating for all finalists and their parents/guardians (limit 2 per finalist) at community-wide celebration
- Creative Visual will be displayed during the program

Deadline: Friday, November 9, 2018
Winners will be announced on or before December 7, 2018

Creative Visual Posters and Essays should be submitted to the teacher who will then forward to the District Office.

For more information, please contact Ahmed Samaha, Interim Vice Chancellor of Student Life & Services at the University of South Carolina Aiken, at 803-641-3411 or ahmeds@usca.edu.