



# Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Speech Contest

## "People must...work together"



### FIRST-PLACE PRIZE

- **\$100 savings bond**
- **Dr. King plaque**
- **Speaking opportunity, on-stage recognition** and additional awards at the Milwaukee King Celebration

### SECOND-PLACE PRIZE

- **\$75 savings bond**
- **Dr. King plaque**
- **On-stage recognition** and additional awards at the Milwaukee King Celebration

### THIRD-PLACE PRIZE

- **\$50 savings bond**
- **Dr. King plaque**
- **On-stage recognition** and additional awards at the Milwaukee King Celebration

### Speech Contest Information

#### Contest Goal

- Actively help strengthen the reading, writing and public speaking skills of students while encouraging Milwaukee youth to learn about and support the dreams of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

#### Contest Guidelines

- Open to K-12 students who live in Milwaukee or attend any type of Milwaukee public, private, charter or home school.
- Speeches are to be written and delivered by students.
- Speeches must follow the theme: "People must...work together," from *The Only Road to Freedom*. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. *Ebony* 21 (October 1966): 27-30. *A Testament of Hope, The Essential Writings and Speeches of Martin Luther King, Jr.* Edited by James M. Washington. HarperCollins Publishers (1986): 54-61.
- Speeches will be timed and are to be less than **four** minutes.
- Grade categories are as follows: K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12.
- Students must turn in the application by Thursday, Dec. 1, 2009, to enter the speech contest.
- To be eligible for the finals, students must have a principal signature on contest application.

#### Contest at a Glance

- Preliminaries are scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009, in the auditorium of the MPS Central Services Bldg. at 5225 W. Vliet St.
- Five grade category winners from each category will proceed to the finals on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 9 a.m. in the We Energies Public Service Bldg. auditorium, located at 231 W. Michigan St.
- The first-place winner from each grade category will deliver their speech; and all first-, second-, and third-place winners will be recognized on stage during the speech contest award ceremony at the **Milwaukee King Celebration on Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010**, at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts.

**Send your application to:** MPS Central Services Bldg.  
Attn: Patrice Ball  
5225 W. Vliet St., Room 254  
Milwaukee, WI 53208  
or Fax to 414-475-8457 Attn: Patrice Ball

### Speech Contest Application

Please circle the category: Gr. K-2 Gr. 3-4 Gr. 5-6 Gr. 7-8 Gr. 9-10 Gr. 11-12

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Coach Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Preliminaries will be held Tuesday, Dec. 8 at the MPS Central Services Bldg. auditorium.** Students should be ready to deliver their speeches at the following category times:

<b>8:30 a.m.</b> Grades K-2	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> Grades 3-4	<b>10:30 a.m.</b> Grades 5-6
<b>11:30 a.m.</b> Grades 7-8	<b>12:30 p.m.</b> Grades 9-10	<b>1:30 p.m.</b> Grades 11-12

*On Dec. 8, please have students report to MPS Central Services auditorium at least 15 minutes before their category time begins for check-in.*

**Finals will be held Saturday, Dec. 12** at 9 a.m. in the We Energies Public Service Bldg. auditorium, located at 231 W. Michigan St. From 8:30-9 a.m., a complimentary breakfast will be provided.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DEC. 1.**  
*All finalists receive a Dr. King medallion.*

