

## DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND

Greater New London County – P.O. Box 1308 – New London, Connecticut 06320

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### APPLICATION GUIDELINES AND CHECKLIST

#### Application Deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup> (postmarked) of the students Junior year of high school

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Trust Fund awards scholarships to students of color, preferably African American, who reside and attend school in New London County Connecticut, in order that they may pursue their education at the post secondary level. The criteria for selecting scholars include community service, academic achievement, financial need, and United States citizenship. The Scholarship Committee will interview all candidates chosen for consideration. To be considered a viable candidate, the following documents **must** be received or postmarked by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the students' junior year in high school. We prefer that the application and all attachments arrive in one packet if possible. **If all items are not received by the deadline, then the application will be rejected.**

- Completed** application (all sections including financial information must be filled in on form)
- Essay**
- Three letters** of recommendation (1. school, 2. community, and 3. personal/not related)
- School transcripts** showing all semesters including your junior year
- SAT and/or ACT Scores** (Optional)
- Photo/Video Release Form (Found on the application website)
- A copy of this Application Checklist

**Important:** If you have not included any of the above documents please explain why:

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Please email the scholarship committee at [vp@mlktrustfund.org](mailto:vp@mlktrustfund.org) with any questions. (rev 21-Jan-2025)

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## 2025 Scholarship Application



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

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

Town, CT Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (home) / (cell)

Student Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Citizen: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ SAT/ACT Scores \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Siblings: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Family Income (select one): \$0-25K    \$25K-50K    \$50K-75K    \$75K-100K    \$100K+

Student Work Experience:

Awards-Honors-Offices Held:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Student Community Service:

Student Activities:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major/Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Goal: \_\_\_\_\_

Colleges under Consideration: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Scholarship/Financial Aid Applied for: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Scholarship/Financial Aid Received: \_\_\_\_\_

## ESSAY

Dr. King once posed the question, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" In his life and word, Dr. King demonstrated the importance of service, compassion, and justice in creating a more equitable society. For this scholarship, we ask you to reflect on this quote and explore the ways in which you actively contribute to your community, school, or society. It should reflect both your personal commitment and understanding of Dr. King's legacy.

Write an essay addressing one of the following:

1. **Personal Reflection:** How does Dr. King's question resonate with you personally? Describe a time when you made a meaningful impact in the life of someone else or contributed to a cause you believe in.
2. **Action and Service:** What specific actions are you currently taking to help others in your community? How do you envision your role in advancing the ideals of service, equity, and social justice?
3. **Long-Term Impact:** Dr. King dedicated his life to creating positive, lasting change. How do you hope your actions will inspire or create a change? What do you believe is the most urgent issue in your community, and how would you address it through service?

**Your essay must be no longer than 1 page, formatted in 12-point Times New Roman font, with 1-inch margins and double spaced.**

The Scholarship Committee will interview all candidates chosen for consideration.

In order to be considered as a viable candidate, you must submit the following:

1. Your completed application signed by student and parent
2. Your completed essay
3. Three letters of recommendation from each category (1. school 2. community 3. personal/not related)
4. Transcripts showing all semesters including your junior year
5. Your class standing
6. Your SAT and or ACT scores (Optional)
7. Release of information Form

Application Deadline: **June 30<sup>th</sup>**

**We attest that all information provided is true and accurate**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."*

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*