



The Martin Luther King, Jr. Association
of Asheville & Buncombe County, Inc.

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Program

*In partnership with,
Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College
Lenoir-Rhyne University
The University of North Carolina-Asheville*

**Application Deadline – Postmarked or emailed no later
than April 15**

Mail your completed application to:

**Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholarship Review
Committee**
P.O. Box 328
Asheville, NC 28802

or scan an email to
mlkavlscholarships@gmail.com

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Scholarship was established in 1986 by the MLK Celebration Committee of Asheville & Buncombe County. Inspired by the belief that love and peaceful protest can eliminate social, political and economic injustice, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., became this nation's most heralded civil rights leader. He aroused blacks and whites alike to protest racial discrimination, war and poverty. A champion of nonviolent resistance to oppression, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Dr. King's life ended at the age of 39 on April 4, 1968 when he was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee. However short his life, he greatly advanced the cause of civil rights in this nation. His life serves as encouragement to each of us to do all that we can to end injustice. The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarships will be awarded each year to area high school seniors who actively embrace Dr. King's dream of improving racial harmony and social justice. We are pleased to announce that as many as four scholarships may be awarded up to \$5,000, to support students in their pursuit of higher education and are non-renewable. The scholarship award(s) will be presented at the annual Scholarship awards program to be held in May.

Guidelines

Applicants must be **BUNCOMBE COUNTY RESIDENTS** enrolled in a high school in their senior year. Criteria for selection include character, community involvement, and scholastic achievement. Individuals meeting these qualifications may access the application form one of two ways.

- <https://www.mlkasheville.org>
- school counselor's office

- 1) The applicant must send a completed application package that consists of:
 - a) A completed application form
 - b) Resume' of accomplishments, extra-curricular activities, scholarships, affiliations, organizations
 - c) A one to two page essay that represents how *"Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. espoused and encouraged justice, equality and unity for all in a peaceful way. How have your actions emulated the work of Dr. King by Keeping Hope in Challenging Times?"*
 - d) An official transcript must be stamped, signed, and sealed with a cumulative unweighted GPA of at least 2.5
 - e) Two letters of recommendation: (Signed letters of recommendation must be given to the applicant in a sealed envelope)
 - one (1) letter must be from applicant's school personnel (recommendation must be on school letterhead)
 - one (1) letter must be from applicant's community
- 2) **Deadline for all required materials must be postmarked or emailed no later than April 15. The applicant is responsible for supplying all materials required for consideration for the scholarship as one complete package. Mail the completed application to:**

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship
P.O. Box 328
Asheville, NC 28802**

**Submissions can also be scanned and emailed (no later than April 15) to
mlkavlscholarships@gmail.com**

- 3) A screening committee will review the application and select winners. The recipients will be notified in April and later recognized at the annual MLK Scholarship program.
- 4) The awarded scholarship is for the upcoming academic year, and it must be used that year. The MLK Association cannot honor a "Gap Year" due to annual budgeting requirements. Awardees must provide a high-resolution headshot for award announcement purposes.
- 5) The scholarship money will only be distributed during the fall and spring semesters of the freshman year. The scholarship recipient must notify The MLK Association of Asheville & Buncombe County by mailing an official proof of enrollment at the college/university of his/her choice (such as an official letter and/or class schedule). This proof of enrollment must include:
 - The student's identification number as well as provide the college/university's mailing address in order to receive the scholarship money.
 - **MLK Association** shall assume the responsibility of forwarding the scholarship money directly to the college/university.
 - The applicant must notify The MLK Association of Asheville & Buncombe County of an enrollment in a college/university of his/her choice by October 31 of the fall semester and January 31 of the spring semester. The money will remain in the Scholarship fund if the deadlines are not met.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHOLARSHIP OFFICIAL APPLICATION

Step 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____ Last four digits of your S.S.# _____
Address _____ Email _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____
I am a legal resident of _____ County.
Name of father/guardian _____
Name of mother/guardian _____
Occupation of father _____ Occupation of mother _____

Step 2. HIGH SCHOOL DATA

Name of high school attending _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Graduation date (month & year) _____ / _____ Cumulative GPA (based on 4.0 scale) _____

Step 3. POSTSECONDARY SCHOOL DATA

List, in order of preference, the colleges, universities, and/or vocational schools to which you have formally applied.

INSTITUTION	STARTING DATE	ACCEPTED
_____	_____	()Yes ()No ()Pending
_____	_____	()Yes ()No ()Pending
_____	_____	()Yes ()No ()Pending

Intended Major _____ Intended Minor _____

How will you be financing your college education? (Ex: grants, scholarships, parents, other): _____

Step 4. ESSAY

The essay is a critical part of your application!
See guidelines for expected content and evaluation criteria for your one to two page, typed essay.

Step 5. RECOMMENDATIONS

Two letters of recommendation are required for your application to be considered. These letters should not be submitted by family members, but individuals who are significantly aware of the student's accomplishments, such as a coach, counselor, teacher or other instructor, employer, or administrator at your school. Please see "**Recommendation Forms**."

APPLICANT PROFILE (attach separate page(s) as needed)

Step 6. AWARDS & HONORS

List awards and/or honors that are unique and relevant to this scholarship. (Explain how the award or honor demonstrates leadership, improves racial harmony and promotes social justice.)

AWARD/HONOR	YEAR	EXPLANATION

Step 7. ACTIVITIES

List leadership activities that promote racial harmony and improve awareness of cultural diversity and/or social justice.

ACTIVITY	YEAR	EXPLANATION

List activities that show commitment and willingness to promote Dr. King’s teachings.

ACTIVITY	YEAR	EXPLANATION

Step 8. CERTIFICATION

I/we hereby affirm that the information provided on this application and the accompanying material is accurate and complete to the best of my/our knowledge. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.

Applicant’s Signature Date

Parent’s or Guardian’s Signature (if applicant is under 18) Date

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM (1)

APPLICANT: Please fill in your name and address before giving this form to the person that you have asked for a reference.

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
City State ZIP

REFERENCE PROVIDER: The student named on this form is applying for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Scholarship and has asked you to provide the committee with any information you feel would be helpful in reviewing his/her application. You may be assured that the information will be considered confidential. If you are unable to complete a letter of recommendation by the deadline, please notify the applicant so that he/she may secure another reference.

Name of Reference _____ Phone _____

Signature of Reference _____ Date _____

When providing a reference, please do the following:

1. Write your letter of recommendation on a separate sheet of paper. Please sign it and include it with this form.
2. Describe applicant's commitment to actively embracing Dr. King's dream of improving racial harmony and social justice.

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM (2)

APPLICANT: Please fill in your name and address before giving this form to the person that you have asked for a reference.

Name: _____
 Last First Middle

Address: _____
 City State ZIP

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