The Martin Luther King, Jr. Association
of Asheville & Buncombe County, Inc.
P.O. Box 328
Asheville NC 28802-0328

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 March 17

Mail your completed application to:

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

or scan an email to
mlkavlscholarship@gmail.com

Dedicated to preserving and advancing the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Scholarship was established in 1986 by the MLK Association of Asheville & Buncombe County. Inspired by the belief that love and peaceful protest can eliminate social, political and economic injustice, King became the 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 MLK Association Scholarships will be awarded each year to area high school seniors who actively embrace King's dream of improving racial harmony and social justice. We are pleased to announce that as many as 12 scholarships may be awarded, to support students in their pursuit of higher education. The non-renewable scholarship award(s) will be presented at a Scholarship awards program to be held in May or June. For more information, please contact MLK Association President Dr. Oralene Simmons at 828-281-1624

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:

- Visit www.mlkasheville.org and go to the Youth Awards & Scholarships section of the web site
- From a high 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 with a cumulative unweighted GPA of at least 2.5
   e) Two letters of recommendation:
      - one (1) letter must be from applicant's school personnel (recommendation must be on school letterhead)
      - one (1) letter must be from someone in the applicant's community

2) **Deadline for all required materials must be postmarked or emailed no later than March 17. The applicant is responsible for supplying all materials required for consideration for the scholarship as one complete package. You can submit the completed application packet in one of three ways:**
   - Scanning and emailing it (no later than March 17) to mlkavlscholarship@gmail.com
   - Submitting it electronically at mlkasheville.org (no later than March 17). The links are in the Youth Awards & Scholarships section of the web site.
   - Snail-mailing it (no later postmarked than March 17) to
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3) A screening committee will review the application and select winners. The recipients will be notified in April or early May 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.

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 emailing an official proof of enrollment at the college/university of his/her choice to mlkavlscholarship@gmail.com (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 will forward the scholarship money directly to the college/university.
   - The applicant must notify The MLK Association of enrollment in a college of choice by October 31 of the fall semester and January 31 of the spring semester. The scholarship becomes void if deadlines are not met.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHOLARSHIP
OFFICIAL A P P L I C A T I O N

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. POST SECONDARY 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): _____

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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.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE APPLICANT OR TO THE MLK ASSOCIATION OF ASHEVILLE & BUNCOMBE COUNTY. THE APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 17.

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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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