

The St. Johns Education Association is pleased to present the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., essay and poster contest. We work with the Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration Committee of St. Johns County to celebrate the life and works of this American hero.

Important dates for the essay and poster contest, as well as the awards ceremony, are listed below. Details and rules for the essay and poster contest follow on the next two pages.

Friday, January 6, 2017: essays and posters due

Saturday, January 7-Sunday, January 8, 2017: essay and poster judging

Thursday, January 12, 2017, 6:30 p.m.: awards ceremony for essay and poster contest winners

The ceremony will be held in the Fullerwood auditorium,

10 Hildreth Street, St. Augustine, FL, 32084

All posters and essays should be delivered to Amanda Noftell, SJEA 2nd Vice President, at Crookshank Elementary. Please send to Crookshank via interoffice mail.

Essay Eligibility

There are three categories for essay entries:

Grades 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12

Essay Criteria

* The essay must be typed or handwritten in ink by the student (exception - students with special accommodations).
* A cover sheet containing the name of the participant, complete home address, school, grade, teacher, and telephone number must accompany the essay. Use word count to include the number of words on your cover sheet.
* The writing should be focused, on topic, have a logical, organized pattern; and have ample development of supporting ideas using a mature command of the language for appropriate grade level. The essay must be the student’s original work.
* Teachers, please send the top three essays from each class to SJEA by Friday, January 6, 2017. You may send the essays via inter-office mail to Amanda Noftell at Crookshank Elementary. SJEA and the MLK Celebration Committee will choose three finalists from all entries to determine the winners in each grade category.
* Length of Essay

Students in Grades 4 – 5: 200 - 400 words with bibliography (if applicable)

Students in Grades 6 – 8: 400 - 600 words with bibliography (if applicable)

Students in Grades 9 – 12: 600 - 800 words with bibliography (if applicable)

Essay Awards

First, second, and third place winners from each grade level will win Barnes and Noble gift cards

Poster Eligibility

There are four grades eligible to participate in the poster contest:

Grades K, 1, 2, and 3

Poster Criteria

* All posters must be about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and reflect this year’s theme (see heading)
* Posters shall be judged at each participating school
* Each participating school will choose four semi-finalists Semi-finalists’ posters must be delivered to Amanda Noftell at Crookshank Elementary by 1-6-17.
* Each semi-finalist’s poster MUST include the student’s full name, grade, teacher, and school
* Each semi-finalist will receive a certificate at the awards ceremony. SJEA and the MLK Celebration Committee will award overall winners for first, second, and third place.

Poster Awards

First, second, and third place overall winners will win Barnes and Noble gift cards

