

Each year the MLK Commemoration Committee awards multiple scholarships of at least \$1000 based on academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, and civic engagement to members of our community continuing their education. We do this through the generous support of our sponsors and a free-will offering at our annual MLK service.

Originally designated for graduating high school seniors and current college students, the scholarship opportunities have been extended to other community members seeking higher education or skills training as funding permits. This includes graduates of the Carlisle GED program and those recently released from prison, in addition to adults in graduate and post-grad studies.

Applicants should demonstrate adherence to the principles that guided the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., such as an unwavering commitment to non-violence and to policies that promote racial equity and advance racial justice.

To apply, please complete the application form which follows, and gather these supporting documents:

- 1. A TRANSCRIPT (This may be an unofficial copy)
- 2. TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATATION (At least one of them must be from a community leader, employer, mentor, coach, counselor, teacher, or religious leader)
- 3. AN ORIGINAL ESSAY that explores the life and work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essays should demonstrate a thorough understanding of at least one facet of Dr. King's work (e.g. a speech, a sermon, an event, a philosophy) and discuss how Dr. King's work might be applied to improve your own community (however you define this). The length of the essay should be determined by its purpose. In other words, the essay should be long enough to handle the chosen topic thoroughly and meaningfully without including unnecessary material. Essays should be typed and polished.

Submit all materials (completed application form plus supporting documents) to:

The MLK Commemoration Committee, PO Box 888, Carlisle PA 17013 -- or --

Carlisle Area High School English Department Head Teacher, Ms. Keely McGeehan, in person or via email at <u>mcgeehank@carlisleschools.org</u>

## The deadline to apply for scholarships is June 1.

Funds will begin to be disbursed to the schools of the successful applicants at the start of the upcoming academic year. The scholarship awardees will be recognized at the annual MLK Commemoration Event in January.



## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Full name	Birthdate	Preferred pronouns
Mailing address		
Email address	Phone number	
Highest educational level attained	Name of school	
School/training program for requested scholarship funds		
School mailing address		
• List any awards or honors you have received.		
• Describe the school, church or community projects and activities in which you have participated.		
• List the paid employment you've had previously or currently have.		
• Describe your career goals.		
*Questions only for applicants age 19 and younger		
*Parent/Guardian's Name:	Highest educational level attained	
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Signature	Date	

• Note: Four questions above will accommodate longer responses by reducing the size of the type. If the font is too small to read, please attach a separate sheet and check this box.