



2016 • Poster Contest

We invite Connecticut students in grades 4 through 8 to participate in the 2016 University of Connecticut Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Poster Contest. **The deadline for submission is Monday, December 14, 2015.** Contestants, their families, and teachers are invited to attend the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration on January 18, 2016 at the University of Connecticut, where winners will be recognized.

2016 Theme:

Dismantling Oppression: Uncovering Your Voice

Using the example set by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy and enlightened leadership, students are asked showcase visually what it means to "uncover your voice" in order to create a more just society. Specifically, what part do they play, as a young person, in dismantling oppression within the communities they're a part of?

Who may enter:

Connecticut students in grades 4 – 8. Prizes will be awarded in two categories: grades 4-6 and 7-8. We expect to award, per grade grouping, one prize for first place, second place, and third place.

General guidelines

- Posters will be judged on adherence to the theme, originality, creativity and inclusion of Dr. King and/or the messages for which he stood.
- Submissions that include profanity and/or language inconsistent with Dr. King's philosophy will be disqualified.
- Students must include the 2016 MLK contest entry form with their poster and can enter only once.
- Posters must be no smaller than 8 1/2" x 11" and no larger than 18" x 24," using any contained form of artistic expression (such as paint, ink, pencil, yarn, etc., that remains attached to the poster).
- The poster must depict or symbolize what it means to "dismantle oppression" and "uncover your voice" and can include both words and images. Posters will be judged upon message as well as artistic ability and originality.

Submission guidelines

- Posters must be received with entry form to Aisha Folkes, Assistant Residence Hall Director for Residential Life, University of Connecticut, by **Monday, December 14, 2015.**
 - **Mail or deliver** posters and entry form to:
Aisha Folkes
Assistant Residence Hall Director
1346 Storrs Rd. Unit 4238
Storrs, CT, 06269
 - Submissions will be returned to contestant upon request if a self-addressed envelope is included.
- For more information or clarification, please email Aisha Folkes at aisha.folkes@uconn.edu

Key Dates:

- Poster submission deadline is December 14, 2015.
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observance:** This year's celebration will be held on Monday, January 18, 2016 at 4:00pm in the Jorgensen Center for Performing Arts, Storrs, Connecticut.

"The ultimate tragedy is not the oppression and cruelty by the bad people but the silence over that by the good people."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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I am entering the: *Check one box, of the following choices:*

- Poster contest (grades 4-6)
 Poster contest (grades 7-8)

Name: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____
Use full name, not abbreviations

Mailing address _____
Street address Town Zip code

Phone: () _____
Area Code Number

E-mail: _____

Parent(s) or guardian(s)
Name _____

Phone _____
If different from yours

E-mail: _____
If different from yours

If a teacher at your school helped you:
Name _____

Phone () _____
Area Code Number

E-mail: _____

This entry form must be submitted along with your poster in order to participate.

The information submitted on this form will be used solely for the purposes of awarding and announcing prizes and inviting participants to the University of Connecticut's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration (**January 18, 2016**). This information will not be distributed in any manner to parties external to the University. Following the event, your contact information will be appropriately discarded.

Signature of parent, guardian
or teacher (optional) Name: _____
Date: _____

*****All materials must be received at the University of Connecticut no later than Monday December 14, 2015*****