

2020 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest

Sponsored by the Brookings Human Rights Commission

ESSAY theme: "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

ENTRY DEADLINE: January 10, 2020

- \$100 Cash Prize.
- One entry per participant.
- Entries will be judged on delivery and overall relationship to theme.
- Judge's decisions are final.
- Entry Form must be attached to the essay.

Submission Instructions:

- Submit before **12:00 p.m. on January 10, 2020.**
- Essays must be submitted in **hardcopy and by email.**
 - *Hardcopy instructions: typed, double-spaced, 12 pt font, white paper, with Entry Form attached. Deliver to school office.*
 - *Email instructions: Submit essay and Entry Form to humanrights@cityofbrookings.org with "2020 MLK Contest Entry" in email subject line.*

Winners will be notified by January 21, 2020.

Awards will be presented by the Mayor at the January 28, 2020 Brookings City Council Meeting.

Questions – Please contact the Brookings Human Resources Office at (605) 697-8668 or by email at humanrights@cityofbrookings.org

The Brookings Human Rights Commission sponsors an annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Essay Contest for all Brookings High School and Middle School students. Dr. King was a supporter of human rights and freedoms for all citizens. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day will be celebrated on January 20, 2020. This contest is designed for students to reflect on Dr. King's ideas and the effect on our community through their contest entry.

The Brookings Human Rights Commission (BHRC) is charged by the Brookings City Council to improve human relations and civil rights in the Brookings area by fighting discrimination through educational efforts and a complaint resolution procedure. The commission has the power to investigate complaints alleging discrimination against individuals or groups because of their sex, race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, disability, familial status or national origin, with respect to employment, labor union membership, housing accommodations, property rights, education, public accommodations or public services. For more information regarding the BHRC, please contact any commission member, call City Hall at (605)692-6281, or email humanrights@cityofbrookings.org

