



## 2011 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ESSAY CONTEST ANNOUNCED

*“Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. This is the interrelated structure of reality.”*

*-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

We invite young writers who are inspired by Dr. King’s life, and his vision of uniting people for the good of all, to enter the 2011 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest.

Essay contest winners will have the opportunity to read their essays at the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration to be held on Monday, January 17, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lawrence University Memorial Chapel on College Avenue in Appleton. Winners in the four brackets will be awarded \$50 from Toward Community: Unity in Diversity, a \$25 gift certificate from IndUS of the Fox Valley, and a \$10 gift certificate to Harmony Café.

### **Essay Theme:**

Writers should relate their essays to this year’s theme, **“Building a Vocal Community: The Enduring Spirit of Dr. King.”** In his lifetime, Dr. King spoke of the need for people to overcome their differences, speak up for one another and make the places we live better for everyone. Is that message one we still believe in? What does building community mean to you? In your own life, how are you working to build community?

### **Contest Guidelines:**

- Contest categories by grade are: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Submissions may be in essay or poetry form and should not exceed one page.
- Students should submit their essay along with a separate sheet of paper containing the writer’s name, address, telephone number, school, and grade.
- Please do not use staples to attach the name and essay sheets.
- A panel of judges will critique the essays. Originality will be a critical factor in the judging process.

### **To Apply:**

- Contest deadline is **4:30 p.m. Thursday, December 2, 2010.**
- Submit entries to:  
2011 King Essay Contest  
c/o United Way Fox Cities  
1455 Midway Road  
Menasha, WI 54952
- Call Gayle Hardt at (920) 954-7211 with questions or if you need to arrange for drop off of an essay before 4:30 on December 1.
- Winners will be notified by phone.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration is an interfaith, multicultural event sponsored by Toward Community: Unity in Diversity, Lawrence University, and a number of area churches, religious organizations, businesses, social service agencies and individuals. The King Celebration has been a unifying tradition in the Fox Valley since 1992. It is free and open to the public.