

Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Scholarship Contest

“Time for Change”

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay-Scholarship Contest began in 2004 – sponsored by George Ow Jr. in commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr. and of Ow's commissioned sculpture of the King by Barrington McLean, the first African American faculty member of Cabrillo College. Dr. King, one of the most prominent civil rights leaders of all time, espoused social justice, non-violence, and human rights activism. He dreamed of an equitable society wherein all people are treated with dignity and respect and his philosophy, that individuals should not be judged by the color of their skin, sex and sexual orientation, religious beliefs, or class, but by the content of their character, maintains relevance today. All students are encouraged to apply for this scholarship.



Scholarship Amounts to be Awarded

\$500 (The Tony Hill Memorial Scholarship)

\$500 (MLK Jr. Scholarship 1st Place)

\$250 (MLK Jr. Scholarship 2ND Place)

\$100 (MLK Jr. Scholarship 3RD Place)

The Tony Hill Memorial Scholarship was established in 2010 to support Cabrillo College students, primarily students of color. Tony Hill was a prominent community activist and treasured mentor who died in 2007. He was an inspirational leader, gifted mediator, and bridge-builder in our community. Tony worked tirelessly for social and economic justice, education, housing, and jobs for African Americans. He dedicated his life to championing the plight of the poor and often marginalized in Santa Cruz County. Cabrillo students who submit an application and essay for the MLK Scholarship will also be eligible for the \$500 Tony Hill Memorial Scholarship.

Essay Criteria: Each applicant must produce a clear and organized essay of 2-5 pages. The essay must illustrate how Dr. King's philosophy, as stated above, helped to shape you as a person and the ways you have incorporated the ideals, values or philosophy in your daily life, educational goals, and future aspirations. You may want to discuss difficult circumstances that have impacted your ability to pursue a postsecondary education and how you overcame such obstacles. The committee is interested in experiences that have motivated you to work on behalf of human rights as well as your efforts in this area.

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Essay Scoring Rubric

Applicants are encouraged to review the following scoring rubric as a guide to obtain the highest possible score.

Thesis:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Clearly stated viewpoint about interest in non-violent social movements and change.▪ Describes overcoming barriers to support thesis as appropriate.▪ Demonstrates intellectual curiosity, maturity and initiative.
Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Every topic, idea, description, elaborates thesis.
Rhetorical Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Develops argument in depth.▪ Presents a logical, sequential train of thought; easy to “see” and follow writer’s thinking.
Insightful/ Analytical	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Brings reader to new awareness, compassion and understanding of issue; uncovers hidden implications.▪ Elaborate and connects points and information to the essay thesis. Does not repeat points and information.
Expressive Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Uses rich descriptive vocabulary to demonstrate what is meant; uses images and incidents to paint a picture and elicit emotional response.
References	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Sites a variety of sources including personal observations, experiences, etc.

5 points	Addresses each area well; contains enlightening information, uses relevant personal examples and experiences to illustrate thesis; connected thoughts, engages reader; story worth telling, reader feels, relates to and resonates with writer.
4 points	3-4 areas addressed sufficiently; could be strengthened by better understanding of issue and implications, economy of words.
3 points	2 or 3 areas addressed sufficiently; modest development of thesis; lacks depth and maturity.
2 points	One or two areas addressed sufficiently; poorly developed thesis and supporting narrative.
1 point	Unclear and/or poorly developed thesis, no enlightening information.

Please note:

- Each of the six (6) areas above will be rated for a maximum of 5 points.
- The total possible points your essay can receive is 30.

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2019-2020 Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Scholarship Application

_____ Date: _____
Last Name First Name

Ethnic Origin*: _____ Cabrillo College ID#: _____

*Please list your ethnic origin for consideration for the Tony Hill Memorial Scholarship

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip code: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Units Completed: _____ Proposed Major: _____

Number of units enrolled in/planned for Spring Semester 2020 _____ (must be at least 6).

Applicants must:

- Complete all sections of this application.
- Be enrolled in a minimum of 6 units at Cabrillo College for Spring Semester 2020.
Applicants who do not meet these requirements will be disqualified.

Scholarship recipients **must** be willing – if chosen by the committee – to read their essay at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. commemoration event scheduled for **February 25th, 2020**. We will host the celebration on the Aptos campus in room 913 from 10 to noon. Go to www.cabrillo.edu/assocations/studentsenate for updates.

Deadline: Your application and essay must be received by **February 7th, 2020** via email at alnorthc@cabrillo.edu or at one of the following locations:

Aptos Campus
Student Senate Office Room 902

Watsonville Campus
Student Senate Office Room A100

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. commemoration event is sponsored by the ASCC Student Senate, Cabrillo College Foundation, The Office of Student Equity, and Student Affairs Office.

The Tony Hill Memorial Scholarship is sponsored by Melanie Stern. Thank you for your interest and participation.