



Writing Contest!

Designed for youth by youth, celebrating the legacy of
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Who can participate?

The contest is open to middle or high school age youth living in or attending school in the City of Boulder.

Entries in each of these categories will be judged separately:

- Middle school - fluent in English
- Middle school - not yet fluent in English
- High school - fluent in English
- High school - not yet fluent in English

Winners will receive a \$50 gift card & a chance to read their work at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day rally on the Pearl St. Mall in January

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Guidelines Submit an original written work of no more than 500 words responding to one of the prompts below. **Fill out and attach the form on the back of this sheet to your entry.** Please type or write very legibly. Tell us if you are or are not yet fluent in English. Entries will be judged based on creativity, grammar, originality, & clarity.

Prompts (choose one) Write a poem, essay, or a short story:

- Write a letter to the editor of the Daily Camera and identify an issue in Boulder. Why is this issue significant and what could the community do to help fix it?
- Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, “The time has come for an all out war against poverty.” What is your reaction to the fact that poverty exists in the US, and what can youth do to help fight poverty?
- Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, “A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus.” Which qualities do you think are important in a leader and what do you do to be a good leader in your community?

Deadline: Monday, December 14th, 2012

- Email to swetta@bouldercolorado.gov with “MLK Writing Contest” in subject line
- Fax to MLK Writing Contest c/o YOP at 303-441-4348
- Mail to MLK Writing Contest c/o YOP, 2160 Spruce St., Boulder, Co 80302

For questions or information, call Alice Swett, 303-441-4349

This contest is co-sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Peace & Justice Center and Boulder’s YOAB/ Youth Opportunities Program

Martin Luther King Jr. Writing Contest Entry Form

Please provide ALL info and attach this to your entry.
Entries are due December 14, 2012.

Name _____

U.S. Mail Address _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail Address _____

School _____ Grade _____

Teacher (if this was a class assignment) _____

Are you fluent in English? I am not yet fluent in English
 I am fluent in English