



TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast
City of Jacksonville

The City of Jacksonville's 2018 Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast presented by Florida Blue commemorates the 89th anniversary of Dr. King's birth by honoring his life-long commitment and achievements toward his dream for social change.

Tomorrow's Leaders is a component of the Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast that looks to recognize and award youth in our community who are exemplifying the philosophies of Dr. King through leadership, community volunteerism and civic responsibility.

The City of Jacksonville is pleased to offer the opportunity for deserving elementary, middle and high school students to be nominated for the Tomorrow's Leaders Award. Award recipients will be recognized at the 2018 Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast presented by Florida Blue on Friday, January 12, 2018.

Tomorrow's Leaders Nomination Guidelines:

- Educators, mentors, community leaders, and youth-oriented non-profit organizations are encouraged to nominate deserving students who exemplify the ideals and principles of Dr. King. Nominations from commercial entities will not be accepted.
- If a child is homeschooled, nominations may be submitted by a parent.
- Nominations will be accepted for students in grades 4 - 12 in Duval, Clay, St. Johns and Nassau counties.
- Nominations can be mailed, faxed or emailed to the City of Jacksonville Office of Special Events (contact information is listed below).
- Multiple students from the same school and/or group can be nominated.
- Nominations and essays are due by Monday, November 13, 2017 (no exceptions).

Tomorrow's Leaders Award Information

- After the student is nominated, he or she will be required to submit a legible, preferably typed, essay based on a predetermined topic and word count.
- If a student is nominated but does not submit an essay, the student is not eligible for the award.
- Award recipients will be chosen based on nomination information and their submitted essay.
- Award categories: Elementary School, Middle School and High School



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- One (1) first-place and one (1) runner-up award recipients will be selected from each category.
- Award recipients will be notified the week of December 11.

Tomorrow's Leaders Essay Topic and Criteria:

Topic:

Dr. King often spoke of "The Beloved Community" in his speeches and writings. He envisioned the Beloved Community as a society based on justice, equal opportunity, and love of one's fellow human beings. Through such a community all men would come to respect the worth and dignity of others; to bring about inclusivity, personal well-being and social harmony.

Community can be defined or described as a group of people with common causes, beliefs, values, and needs. Community members have a sense of trust, belonging, safety, and caring for each other. They have an individual and collective sense that they can, as part of that community, influence their environments and each other...Neighborhoods, companies, schools, and places of faith are context and environments for these communities.¹

How do you define your community and what do you love about it?

Criteria:

- Each category must submit essays meeting the below word count criteria:
 - Elementary school students – 200 words
 - Middle school students – 400 words
 - High school students – 500 words
- Judging will be based on the writing guidelines used in the Florida Standards Assessment.
- Essays should demonstrate focus, organization and conventions of standard English grammar.
 - *Focus* refers to how clearly the paper presents and maintains a main idea, theme, or unifying point.

¹ Chavis, D. M. (2015, May 12). What Is Community Anyway? Stanford Social Innovation Review. Retrieved September 6, 2017, from https://ssir.org/articles/entry/what_is_community_anyway



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- *Organization* refers to the structure or plan of development (beginning, middle, and end) and the relationship of one point to another.
- *Conventions* refer to the punctuation, capitalization, spelling, and sentence structure.

Awards & Recognition:

- Award recipients will receive complimentary tickets for themselves and two guests to attend the 2018 Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast on Friday, January 12, 2018 at the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center.
- Award recipients will be recognized at the breakfast and have the opportunity to recite their essays as part of the breakfast programming.
- First –place award recipients will receive a laptop computer.
- Award recipients will receive the Tomorrow's Leaders Award at the breakfast.
- Award recipients will be recognized in the official breakfast program as well as on the official website, JaxMLKBreakfast.com.
- All nominees, along with award recipients, will be recognized and acknowledged by the Jacksonville City Council during the first City Council meeting on Tuesday, February 13 in City Council Chambers at 5 p.m.

Nominations and essays must be submitted by Monday, November 13, 2017 by email, fax, or U.S. mail.

Mailing Address:

City of Jacksonville
Attention: Mercedes Parker
117 W. Duval St, Suite 280
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Fax Number: (904) 630-4744

Email: events@coj.net

Subject Line: Tomorrow's Leaders Nomination **OR** Tomorrow's Leaders Essay
Submission



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2018 TOMORROW'S LEADER NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee (Student) _____

School _____ Grade _____

Name of Nominator _____

Nominator's Email _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Address: _____

Phone number of Parent/Guardian _____

Parent's Email _____

I give permission to the City of Jacksonville to use my child's name, school, likeness and essay for promotional purposes, including but not limited to photographic and videography needs, related to the 2018 Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast.

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

Explain how the nominee epitomizes Martin Luther King, Jr. and what he represents (community, leadership and civic responsibility). *Please make sure information is legible.*

*Additional pages may be used to complete this form