

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Program for 2021**  
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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

**Due Monday, May 3, 2021**, to the Scholarship Coordinator at your high school

You may reproduce this form on a computer • Contact your Scholarship Office with questions

The form is available on the City of Oceanside website at [www.ci.oceanside.ca.us](http://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us);

Click on City Services, Boards and Commissions, and then choose Housing Commission.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First Name) (Middle Name or Initial) (Last / Family Name)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ CA \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (Zip)

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email (if available): \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

List the colleges or universities to which you have applied:

Name of College / University City / State Status (applied, waiting, accepted, etc.)

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_

5 \_\_\_\_\_

What major field of study do you intend to enter (if decided)? \_\_\_\_\_

The City of Oceanside - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarships are awarded in May each year to graduating seniors and are for one year of school only. The Scholarship Committee will require enrollment verification from the college/university that you attend prior to the disbursement of the scholarship. Awards will be distributed in two equal payments in the fall and spring of the 2021-2022 academic year; you must be enrolled at least half-time during each semester or term to qualify for the scholarship. Scholarships may be deferred up to one year for valid cause, to be considered upon written request from the recipient. For more information or questions contact the scholarship coordinator at your school or call (760) 435-5042 or email: [mlkscholarship@oceansideca.org](mailto:mlkscholarship@oceansideca.org).

I certify that the information provided herein is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I live in Oceanside or attend high school in Oceanside, and I will graduate in 2021. I understand that I must enroll at least half-time in college and in good academic standing to receive the scholarship and that any false statements may lead to disqualification from the scholarship program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

(See next page for application instructions and requirements.)

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- A. Answer (briefly) the following questions (double-spaced, single-sided, 12-point font):
1. What degree do you intend to pursue and what are your career goals (if known)?
  2. What extracurricular programs, volunteer service or community activities have you been involved in during high school? List the activities (including work experience or internships) and approximately, how long you have been involved in the activities.
  3. Many students face financial hardships or other difficulties that make it challenging to attend college. Please explain any hardships or difficulties that you or your family will face in going to college after graduation.
  4. Please list ALL scholarships, financial aid or other resources will you be receiving for the FAL20 school year.
- B. Attach an essay (two pages maximum) concerning how the life, activity and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. have influenced you. More than what Dr. King did or the challenges that he faced, explain how the ideals of Dr. King have helped you develop your personal values and how you hope to live out these values in your life and career. Tell how his life and teachings have influenced you and how you have responded to challenges in your own life. Explain how you intend to put into practice the ideals of solving problems without the use of violence, promoting harmony and mutual respect among different groups, and working together to build up the community. (double-spaced, single-sided, 12-point font)
- C. Attach three letters of reference: One (1) from a teacher or faculty member at your school and two (2) from individuals who are familiar with your background, abilities, activities and your potential for success in college. Reference letters must include the name, address and phone number of the person providing the reference. Immediate family members and persons under 18 years of age may not provide letters of reference for you. Talk to the scholarship coordinator at your school if you have questions on who can provide letters of reference.
- D. Attach a copy of your transcript through the first semester of your senior year showing the classes you have taken and grades received. You can obtain the transcript through the scholarship coordinator at your school or from the front office. It does not have to be an "official" or sealed transcript.
- E. Make a copy of the complete application for your personal record.

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### Checklist:

- Application form completed and signed
- Responses to questions attached
- Personal essay (two pages maximum) attached
- Three letters of reference attached
- Transcript (through first semester of senior year) attached
- Turned in to the scholarship coordinator at your school by May 3, 2021, or mailed by that date to: Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Program, Neighborhood Services Department, 300 North Coast Highway, Oceanside CA 92054.
- Please feel free to drop off the application in the blue drop box located at 321 N. Nevada Street, Oceanside, CA. 92054