



Arizona State University
41st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Essay/Poetry Contest Entry Form

Entry Deadline: Postmarked by
October 3, 2025

Please check appropriate grade range:

☐ K-2 ☐ 3-5 ☐ 6-8 ☐ 9-12

Theme:



STUDENT:

First Name **PRINT LEGIBLY** M.I. Last Name

Address

City State Zip Code Grade

Parent/Guardian Name Parent/Guardian's Phone and Email (required)

SCHOOL:

School Name School Phone

Teacher's Name Teacher's Email

Address

City State Zip Code

Principal's Name School District

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. believed in leadership through service.

Why participate? Writing about a situation or individual that demonstrates leadership through service gives you a voice in your community. Good essays/poems tell important stories to present and future generations. Essays/poems capture people's attention with inspirational messages.

Essay/Poetry Entry Guidelines/Rules:

- Type or neatly handwrite an essay or poem about a situation or individual in your life/community who you think best demonstrates leadership through service (no celebrities please). Give your essay/poem a title. Limit your entry to 250 words or less on 8.5"x11" single sided plain or lined paper.
- The entry must be the original work of an individual student.

Contest Information:

- Judges will examine content, organization, sentence fluency, voice, word choice, and writing conventions in making their decisions.
- Winning entries will be notified after November 6, 2025.
- Arizona State University shall have the right in its sole discretion to use, reproduce, publish or display entries submitted. All entries shall become the property of Arizona State University. Entries will not be returned.

Prizes:

- **FIRST PRIZE:** \$100 Gift Card
- **SECOND PRIZE:** \$75 Gift Card
- **THIRD PRIZE:** \$50 Gift Card

To Enter Contest:

- Place your name on the back of the entry. **DO NOT** put your name on the front of your entry.
- Complete this form legibly and attach it with a paperclip to the back of your entry.

• **Mail to:**

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