

PRIZES

Three winners will be determined in each grade-level category. Cash or Gift Cards in the designated amounts will be awarded for each prize.

K – 2nd grade:

First: \$25 2ND: \$20 3RD: \$15

3rd – 5th grade:

First: \$50 2ND: \$25 3RD: \$20

6th – 8th grade:

First: \$75 2ND: \$50 3RD: \$25

9th – 12th grade:

First: \$100 2ND: \$50 3RD: \$25

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS will be made on Monday, January 21, 2013 at the MLK March and Program. Winning essays and posters may be displayed at the Brazos Valley African American Museum and at the MLK March and Program site.

PUBLICATION PERMISSION:

By entering the contest, students give their permission for their essays to be formatted and/or printed and displayed, as well as to be distributed to the community and the media.

DEADLINE:

All entries must be mailed (and received) or delivered by Friday, December 21, 2012 at 5pm to the Brazos Valley African American Museum:

**500 East Pruitt Street
Bryan, Texas 77803**

For More Information contact:
Brazos Valley African American
Museum at www.bvaam.org

Brazos Valley Area Alumnae Chapter
of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. at
www.bvaadst.com

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2013 MLK ESSAY & POSTER CONTEST

Sponsored by

Brazos Valley Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. & Brazos Valley African American Museum



The contest is open to all students in grades K-12, private, home, and parochial schools of the Brazos Valley. The intent of the Poster/Essay Contest is:

- ◆ to provide all students in each area school with an opportunity to learn about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., his message and his work;
- ◆ to give students opportunity to reflect on our present and the future in light of Dr. King's message; and
- ◆ to encourage continued study through awards and recognition that can hopefully help students continue their lives and education with a permanent appreciation for Dr. King.

THEMES & CRITERIA

K - 5: "How can I create peace & unity in my community?"

K- 2: at least two complete sentences and poster entry

3-5: at least five complete sentences and poster entry

Grades 6—12 may choose a theme of their choice from the following:

***Democracy: Does it Really Work?**

***Ebonics: Does it Really Affect My Future?**

* **Write about a person you most admire or who has affected you most in life.**

6-8 grade: approximately 300-500 word essay and a poster depicting their topic

9-12 grade: approximately 500-750 word essay. Poster is optional.

Poster and essay must reference the grade level theme

K-5 Essays may be typed

6-12 Essays **must** be typed double-spaced on white, 8 ½ x 11 paper

Each page should be numbered consecutively.

Entries should be stapled securely together, not paper clipped.

For posters: use pencils, crayons, paints, markers or colored pencils. Posters should not be larger than 12" x 18". All Posters must be white.

Each entry **MUST** include a **TITLE PAGE** containing the following information:

- ◆ The Title for grade category entered
- ◆ Student Name, grade, home address and phone number
- ◆ Parent /Guardian Name & Contact Info
- ◆ Name of School and grade level. Please include teacher's name for contact if handed in by a teacher.