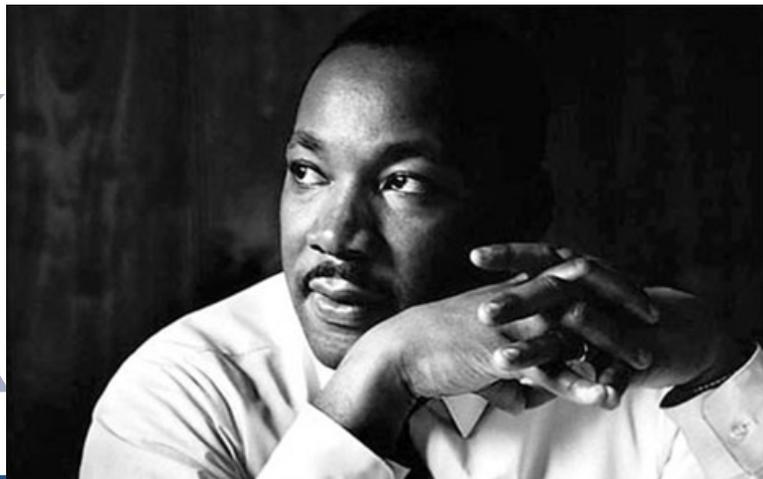


Recognizing Today's Leaders Building Upon His Foundation



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Awards

In honor of MLK Day, the Martin Luther King, Jr. State Commission will recognize adult and youth leaders in Kentucky who embody Dr. King's life and work. Completed nominations must be received (not postmarked) in the Governor's Office of Minority Empowerment by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 22, 2016. Please do not send resumes, pictures or any additional paperwork. All entries must include nominator and nominee information. **Complete a separate nomination form for each nominee. You may nominate up to one youth and one adult. Additional forms: www.ome.ky.gov/Pages/MLK-nominations.aspx**

Send completed nominations to: Governor's Office of Minority Empowerment, Kentucky Capitol Building, 700 Capital Ave., Suite 146, Frankfort, KY 40601. You may also email the form to kyome@ky.gov. The winning recipients will be notified by mail and awards will be presented at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Celebration in Frankfort, Ky., on Thursday, January 12, 2017.

Nominee Information (Print or type all information.)

Youth (under age 18)

Adult (age 18 and over)

Name _____
First Last

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Place of Employment (if applicable) _____

Home and/or cell phone _____ Email address _____

Nominator Information

Name _____
First Last

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home and/or cell phone _____ Email address _____



Award Criteria (Enter a demonstrated example of the values/behavior below for the nominee. If no example is available, leave blank.)

1. Value: Spend time wisely. **Behavior:** "...time is neutral. It can be used either destructively or constructively. ...without this hard work time itself becomes an ally of the forces of social stagnation. We must use time creatively and forever realize that time is always ripe to do right." A good candidate has spent his or her time in activities that assist or advance themselves or others.

2. Value: Stand up for the best in the American dream. **Behavior:** In his letter from a Birmingham jail, Dr. King said the lunch-counter protesters were standing for values in our Judeo-Christian heritage, "carrying our whole nation back to those great walls of democracy which were dug deep by the founding fathers in the formulation of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence." The candidate demonstrates understanding and appreciation of the freedom and liberty held in biblical principles and our nation's founding documents.

3. Value: Focus on character, not skin color. **Behavior:** Dr. King prayed that his children would be judged on their character, not skin color. A good candidate does not focus on skin color, neither his/her own nor that of others. Judge others based on their character.

4. Value: Persist despite opposition and resistance. **Behavior:** Dr. King continued to pursue racial equality despite being labeled an extremist and a degenerate, and despite the unpopularity of the movement. A good candidate has demonstrated persistence in the face of intense pressure to fold.

5. Value: "Observe with friend and foes the ordinary rules of courtesy." **Behavior:** A good candidate practices common courtesy, especially with people who hold opposing viewpoints.

6. Value: Seek to win the friendship and understanding of opponents, instead of seeking to defeat or humiliate them. **Behavior:** The candidate demonstrates the ability to hold civil discussions when sharing his/her viewpoint with others. He/she demonstrates efforts to understand opposing views and opinions.

7. Value: Perform regular service for others. **Behavior:** Service can be in many forms. Examples: tending a senior citizen's lawn, volunteer work, tutoring, working with children. A good candidate will serve others, as well as help and inspire others to put service before self.

8. Value: Refrain from violence of fist, tongue and heart. Accept blows without retaliation. Nonviolent resistance avoids not only external physical violence, but also internal violence of spirit. At the center of non-violence stands the principle of love. **Behavior:** The candidate resists fighting or violence of any kind. He/she also resists harsh, unhelpful speech and negative social media posts, and does not stoke a vengeful stance. The candidate has not retaliated despite verbal or physical attacks.

9. Value: Strive to be in good spiritual and bodily health. **Behavior:** The candidate demonstrates a lifestyle that nourishes the body and spirit.

10. Value: Display sublime courage. **Behavior:** Dr. King praised those who marched or otherwise protested against segregation. It took courage to quietly sit in a restaurant that refused to serve blacks. It took a tremendous amount of self sacrifice to refuse to ride buses, instead opting to walk, carpool or ride mules in hot Alabama weather. The candidate demonstrates self sacrifice for the benefit of others.

11. Value: Embody and practice principles of basic human dignity. **Behavior:** The candidate seeks to maintain the dignity of others.

12. Value: Be courageous where others are cautious. **Behavior:** In this section of Dr. King's "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," he expressed disappointment with churches that refused to support the civil rights movement. The candidate has demonstrated the willingness to take a stand, especially when it is unpopular to do so.