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2019 Application Martin Luther King, Jr., Youth Social Justice Awards

The Pomona Inland Valley Martin Luther King, Jr., Project is now accepting applications for the 2019 Martin Luther King, Jr., Youth Social Justice Awards. This year's theme is, "*Out of the Mountain of Despair, There is a Stone of Hope.*" The awards, in the amounts of \$200 to \$1,000, are given to young people, ages 15 to 19, who have made a difference in their schools, neighborhoods, and communities. These awards are intended to honor youth who strive to promote social justice through their community service and their involvement in school and religious organizations.

The awards are presented at the annual Martin Luther King, Jr., birthday Celebration. **In order to receive the award, recipients MUST attend the annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Celebration at Pilgrim Congregational Church, 600 N. Garey Avenue, Pomona, CA at 6:00 pm on Sunday, January 20, 2019.**

For the past 37 years, the Pomona Inland Valley Martin Luther King, Jr., Project has worked to honor the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The mission of the Project is to *commemorate the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and empower the community, families, and youth to promote social justice, unity, and outstanding service.* The Youth Social Justice Awards commemorate Dr. King's legacy that lives on through youth who believe in the importance of following in his footsteps.

The application **must be postmarked by November 1, 2018.** If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail info@pivmlk.org or call Sherie Rodgers at (909) 261-0247.

In Solidarity,

Sherie Rodgers
President

Martin Luther King, Jr., Youth Social Justice Award Application Form

-PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY-
(use blue or black ink only)

Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Birthday (month/date/year): _____

Father, Mother and/or Legal Guardian name(s):

Parent or legal guardian phone number: _____

If selected, how would you use this award?

How did you hear about us? _____

Good Character Statement: We expect that all award recipients be of good character. If any unlawful act is discovered by Pomona Inland Valley MLK, Jr. Project Board Members, your award will be revoked.

If applicant does not follow the above format as instructed, the application will be rejected.

Martin Luther King, Jr., Youth Social Justice Award Application Checklist

Please complete the following as instructed. Incomplete applications will not be considered. All applications must be postmarked by November 1, 2018.

Application Form

Please answer all questions on the Martin Luther King, Jr., Youth Social Justice Award Application Form (page 2 of this packet).

Essay

The mission of the Pomona Inland Valley Martin Luther King, Jr. Project is *to commemorate the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and empower the community, families, and youth to promote social justice, unity, and outstanding service.* In an essay format, please answer the following question:

What are you doing, or have you done at school, in your community, and/or in your religious organization (i.e. church/synagogue/mosque, etc.) to promote social justice in the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King's teachings?

Please include one lesson that Dr. King has taught you and explain how it has influenced your actions. Also, please explain the impact that promoting social justice has had on your personal, academic, or career goals. Overall, the essay should demonstrate why you are a good candidate to receive this award.

Formatting Directions

The essay should be no less than 1½ pages and no more than 3 pages. Please use 12-point font in Times New Roman or Arial and set the page layout with one-inch margins. Use blue or black ink ONLY. Please print clearly.

Two Letters of Support

Please request and include two support letters from an adult (i.e. school representative, civic leader, spiritual/religious leader, or organization leader) who can comment on your accomplishments, and your commitment to social justice. Support letters can not be from the same organization & cannot be a parent or relative. We have provided a letter on the last page of this application that you can provide to the individuals whom you ask to write letters of support.

Deadline- No exceptions

The application and all required information must be mailed and postmarked by November 1, 2018. Please send the application to:

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Pomona, CA 91769**

Community Service

<i>Date</i>	<i>Service Event & Description</i>

Extracurricular Activities

<i>Date & Office Held</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Grade Level</i>

Award & Honors

<i>Name & Date of Award</i>	<i>Grade Level</i>	<i>Description</i>

Sports

<i>Sport</i>	<i>Grade Level</i>	<i>Officer or Position Held</i>