DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

"Dr. King's Dream, A Testament of Hope"

SAINT JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH

Woburn, Massachusetts

PURPOSE

Saint John's Baptist Church offers the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Program to recognize high school students who embrace the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The program provides financial assistance for high school seniors committed to social justice and demonstrates leadership or active community service participation.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Submit a one-paragraph biographical sketch describing achievements, community service involvement, current higher education status, and career goals.

ESSAY

High school students responding to this year's writing contest should write an essay of no more than 500 words by selecting one (1) of the following topics:

> **Option A:** In your words, what does it mean to have a Testament of hope?

— OR —

> **Option B:** What can we do to inspire others to see Dr. King's dream as a Testament of Hope?

Please include the applicant's name and birth date on the essay for identification purposes.

APPLICATIONS & DEADLINES

Application Window: November 1st, 2026 – March 16th, 2027

The scholarship committee will be accepting applications from November 1st, 2026, to March 16th, 2027. An application postmarked by March 16th, 2027 ensures acceptance of the application. All applicants must send the completed application, recommendations, and essay to the following address:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Committee
Saint John's Baptist Church
38-40 Everett Street
Woburn, Massachusetts 01801
Email: twalker52@verizon.net

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SCHOLARSHIP WRITING TIPS

SELECT

Select writing topic A or B, not both.

- **Familiarize yourself with Dr. King's life:** You can accomplish this through research using books, newspaper articles, the internet, and speaking with teachers or librarians who are well-versed in Dr. King's life.
- **Relate the topic to personal experience:** Relate the topic to circumstances or situations that affect your own life. How does the topic you chose relate to your own life?
- **Document all sources:** Document all the resources and include them in your bibliography. Include Biblical references where applicable.

OUTLINE

Draft an outline to help organize your thoughts and think about the flow of your paper.

DRAFT

First Draft

- Have a teacher, parent, or educator review your first draft.
- Have your reviewer pay special attention to the organization of the paper, the supporting details, and elements that don't make sense to them.
- Update your bibliography.

Edit

- Have a teacher, parent, or classmate review your paper for mechanics (grammar, spelling, punctuation).

Final Draft

- Read the paper out loud.
- Make sure your voice resonates in the paper, your analysis, and your vision for the future.

FINISH

Do not forget to put your name and birth date on the essay.

Relax! Know that you have done your best on your research paper, and it is ready to submit.