

## 2022 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Essay, Creative Visual, and Multimedia Contests

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Aiken Technical College and the University of South Carolina Aiken will present the annual community-wide celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, at the University of South Carolina Aiken Convocation Center. The celebration is a time to reflect on the past and focus on the future of humanity as a whole. Dr. King's legacy has taught us to commit ourselves to service by serving each other and those in our communities.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Steering Committee, in conjunction with University of South Carolina Aiken's Inclusion Advisory Council (IAC), and Aiken Technical College's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (DEI), is inviting all Aiken County students to submit an original poster or written essay that draws on their experience to respond to the following questions:

**-For Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade creative visual poster contest: "What does the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day mean to you?"**

**-For 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade essay contest: "What did Dr. King mean by the quote 'whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly?'"**

**-Multimedia contest: "What is the legacy of Dr. King?"**

Successful entries will answer the question, and refer specifically to personal experiences and observations.

<b>Essay Categories:</b>	Middle School (up to 1,000 words) High School (up to 1,500 words)
<b>Creative Visual Posters Categories:</b>	Kindergarten-2 <sup>nd</sup> grades (should be no larger than 8 by 11.5 paper) 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grades (should be no larger than 11 by 17 paper)
<b>Multimedia Categories:</b>	Entry may not be any longer than 3 minutes. Videos must be in a format acceptable for YouTube. a. If you also upload it to Vimeo or YouTube – write the link on your form. b. Please format films as .mov QuickTime files or .mp4 files.  <b>Tips for Recording:</b> - Use a tripod to hold the camera still. - Make sure there is plenty of lighting, especially if shooting indoors. - Turn off all noise making devices in the room (air conditioners, fans, phones, etc.). - Make sure the background music (if any) is audible on the recording. - Don't shake or move the camera too much, it makes the video

	difficult to watch.
<b>Eligibility:</b>	Must be a student attending a public, private or home school in Aiken County.
<b>Prizes:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First place winners will receive a grand prize</li> <li>- Special floor seating for all finalists and their parents/guardians (limit 2 per finalist) at community-wide celebration</li> <li>-Creative Visual and multimedia will be displayed during the program</li> </ul>
<b>Deadline:</b>	Friday, November 12, 2021 Winners will be announced on or before December 3, 2021

School entries should be submitted to the teacher, who will then forward to the District Office or the Main Office of the school if private. If a home-schooled student, entries should be delivered to the Student Life Office at the University of South Carolina Aiken.

For more information, please contact Ahmed Samaha, Vice Chancellor of Student Engagement and Inclusivity, at the University of South Carolina Aiken, at 803-641-3411 or [ahmeds@usca.edu](mailto:ahmeds@usca.edu).