

Share how Dr. King's legacy inspires you & guides your response to today's challenges.

MLK VOICE 4 YOUTH RULES:

- MLK VOICE 4 YOUTH is open to all high school students, Grades 9 - 12. Contestants must have a sponsor/mentor (e.g., teacher, parent, coach) who is 21 years or older.
- Message must be original and connect to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy.
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- Contestants may perform solo or collaborate with peers (e.g., duo, trio)
- Bonus marks will be given for referencing Dr. King's lesser-known speeches.
- Bonus marks will be given for memorization.
- Presentations are to be approximately 5-minutes long.
- Semi-finalists may compete in-person or live virtually via Zoom.
- Finalists must perform in-person, unless it is a virtual event, and may not leave the stage during presentations.
- Finalists **only** are required to submit an electronic copy (word doc.) of their presentation prior to their performance. Failure to do so, will disqualify him/her and the contestant with the next highest score will qualify to compete at the finals.
- Audio, costumes, and props are NOT permitted.
- Past first place winners of MLK VOICE 4 YOUTH are not eligible to compete.
- The decisions of the judges are final.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Ownership of the copyright in any work submitted into the contest remains with the contestant.
- Contestants, sponsors, judges, and volunteers who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a mask.
- Contestants have creative freedom to convey and perform their message, solo or with peers.
- Contestants have creative freedom to perform solo or with peers.
- Maximum of 5 bonus marks will be given for referencing Dr. King's lesser-known speeches.
- Memorization is encouraged. Maximum of 5 bonus marks may be given.
- The MLK Planning Committee reserves the right to limit the number of registrations from any one school or organization.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2021-22

Registration Opens - International Peace Day - September 21st

Hybrid Writing Workshop - Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at 4 PM

In-person Writing Workshop (max. 15 students) at The Teen Warehouse at 1121 Thatcher Street, Wilmington, DE 19802 - Register [Here](#)
Virtual writing workshop on ZOOM - Register [Here](#)

Online Writing Workshop - Wednesday, November 3, 2021 - 6 PM led by Dr. Donna Blakey, Delaware State University

In-person Writing & Performance Workshop - Saturday, December 11, 2021, at Christ Church Christiana Hundred, 505 E. Buck Road, Wilmington, DE 19807 (lunch will be provided).

Workshops are free to MLK Contestants

Registration Closes - Friday, December 17, 2021

Semifinals:

Dover: Friday, January 7th @ Modern Maturity Center, 1121 Forrest Avenue
Wilmington: Saturday, January 8th @ Sts. Andrew & Matthew Episcopal Church, 719 N. Shipley Street

Finals, Sunday, January 16th @ 2 pm, baby grand, Wilmington
MLK DAY - JANUARY 17, 2022