

Where do YOU go from here?

Share how Dr. King's legacy inspires you!
& guides your response to challenges presented by COVID 19,
racism, and social justice.

MLK VOICE 4 YOUTH Rules

- Message must be original and relate to the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. addressing this year's challenge and should not be shared on social media until the contest has concluded.
- Contest is open to high school students, grade 9 - 12, sponsored by a sponsor/mentor who is 21 years or older.
- Presentations are to be approximately 5-minutes long. Presentations shorter than 4 1/2-minutes or longer than 5 1/2-minutes may be disqualified.
- Contestants may submit a single-take (non-edited) videotaped performance to compete at the semifinals. **Videos will be accepted beginning January 4 through to 5 PM on January 6, 2021.** Videos must not be uploaded/shared to a social media platform until the conclusion of the contest. *Note: We are not liable if something goes wrong. Always have a backup of your video.*
- Finalists are required to perform their message live on January 17, 2021.
- Finalists **only** are required to submit an electronic copy (word doc.) of their presentation prior to their performance. Failure to do so, may disqualify him/her and the contestant with the next highest score will qualify to compete at the finals. *Ownership of the copyright in any work submitted into the contest remains with the contestant.*
- Finalists may not leave the theatre during presentations.
- 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.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO NOTE:

- Ownership of the copyright in any work submitted into the contest remains with the contestant.
- Contestants have creative freedom.
- Messages may be performed solo or with peers (e.g., duo, trio)
- Maximum of 5 bonus marks will be given for memorization and a maximum of 5 bonus marks for referencing Dr. King's lesser known speeches. Memorization is encouraged.
- If you are submitting a video, we are not liable if something goes wrong. Always have a backup of your video.
- The MLK Planning Committee reserves the right to limit the number of registrations from any one school or organization.