

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND

Greater New London County – P.O. Box 1308 – New London, Connecticut 06320
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APPLICATION GUIDELINES AND CHECKLIST

Application Deadline is June 30th (postmarked) of the students Junior year of high school

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Trust Fund awards scholarships to students of color, preferably African American, who reside and attend school in New London County Connecticut, in order that they may pursue their education at the post secondary level. The criteria for selecting scholars include community service, academic achievement, financial need, and United States citizenship. The Scholarship Committee will interview all candidates chosen for consideration. To be considered a viable candidate, the following documents **must** be received or postmarked by June 30th of the students' junior year in high school. We prefer that the application and all attachments arrive in one packet if possible. **If all items are not received by the deadline, then the application will be rejected.**

- Completed** application (all sections including financial information must be filled in on form)
- Essay**
- Three letters** of recommendation (1. school, 2. community, and 3. personal/not related)
- School transcripts** showing all semesters including your junior year
- SAT and/or ACT Scores** (Optional)
- Photo/Video Release Form (Found on the application website)
- A copy of this Application Checklist

Important: If you have not included any of the above documents please explain why:

Please email the scholarship committee at vp@mlktrustfund.org with any questions. (rev 09-Apr-2026)

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2026 Scholarship Application



Name:

Address:

Town, CT Zip code:

Parent Phone: (home) / (cell)

Student Phone:

E-mail address:

Date of Birth: U.S. Citizen: Yes No

Ethnicity:

School: School Phone:

Grade Point Average: Class Rank: of SAT/ACT Scores

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) information

Name: Occupation

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Number of Siblings: Ages:

Annual Family Income (select one): \$0-25K \$25K-50K \$50K-75K \$75K-100K \$100K+

Student Work Experience:

Awards-Honors-Offices Held:

Student Community Service:

Student Activities:

Intended Major/Field of Study:

Professional Goal:

Colleges under Consideration:

Other Scholarship/Financial Aid Applied for:

Other Scholarship/Financial Aid Received:

ESSAY

We invite you to reflect on one of the following themes. Please choose the prompt that allows you to tell your story most effectively.

Write an essay addressing one of the following:

1. **On Courage & Conviction:** "The time is always right to do what is right"
 - **Essay Prompt:** In today's climate of social, political, and economic challenges, doing what is right is not always easy. Describe a time when you took a stand for what you believed was right, even when it was difficult. How did this experience shape your character, and how will you continue to act with courage and integrity in college and beyond?
2. **On Justice & Responsibility:** "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere"
 - **Essay Prompt:** Dr. King reminds us that injustice affects us all. Identify a pressing issue facing your community or generation today. How does it connect to this idea of shared responsibility? What role do you see yourself playing in advancing justice or equity in the years ahead?

Your essay must be no longer than 1 page, formatted in 12-point Times New Roman font, with 1-inch margins and double spaced.

The Scholarship Committee will interview all candidates chosen for consideration.

In order to be considered as a viable candidate, you must submit the following:

1. Your completed application signed by student and parent
2. Your completed essay
3. Three letters of recommendation. One from each category (1. school 2. community 3. personal/not related)
4. Transcripts showing all semesters including your junior year
5. Your class standing
6. Your SAT and or ACT scores (Optional)
7. Release of information Form

Application Deadline: **June 30th**

We attest that all information provided is true and accurate

Student Signature: _____ Date:

Parent Signature: _____ Date:

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.