**Northwest Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**Academic Scholarship**

**Procedures and Guidelines**

**This Scholarship is awarded to students enrolled at two or 4 year accredited college/university or a senior who has graduated from a high school in Benton and Washington counties.**

1. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Academic Scholarship shall be awarded annually at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Banquet held in the month of January.

2. **When finances are available**, $1,000.00 scholarships will be AWARDED FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR respectively to: (1) graduating seniors from BENTON AND WASHINGTON COUNTY high schools; and (2) currently enrolled undergraduates IN ARKANSAS INSTITUTIONS.

3. Applicants shall be high school seniors and/or students currently enrolled in an accredited college or university. Undergraduate applicants must have earned at least 15 college credits.

4. The Martin Luther King (MLK) Council will have the scholarship applications available for interested parties no later than the 4th week of October (preceding January’s banquet). Applications must be submitted to the committee by November 9th prior to the upcoming January banquet.

5. The members of the MLK Scholarship Sub-committee shall review the applications and submit their recommendations to the MLK Council Members for final approval. Once the name(s) has/have been accepted by the MLK Council, the recipient(s) will be notified in writing prior to the MLK Banquet. Recipients will be invited and expected to attend the MLK Banquet to be recognized for their scholarship award.

6. The undergraduate or high school student must have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average during the academic year in which the scholarship is awarded.

7. Once the student has fulfilled the obligation of submitting an **official proof of enrollment** and an **official transcript** from the registrar’s office to the MLK Council by **June 30th**, the scholarship will be sent to the chosen institution in the name of the student. The scholarship shall be awarded during the semester of that academic year, if awardees have submitted all pertinent information. Half of the allocated funds will be awarded on a per semester basis to the recipient.

8. Forfeiture of the scholarship shall result if the student fails to enroll in an accredited college or university during the year in which the scholarship is awarded (the fall semester after graduation for a senior in high school and the fall semester following the scholarship award for the college student). In case of a student in the arm forces, the scholarship will be awarded upon entering college. All undergraduate awardees must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours per semester during the academic year of the scholarship award.

9. In the event forfeiture occurs, the scholarship shall remain in the scholarship fund and will be awarded the following year to another deserving student.

**Northwest Arkansas Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship**

**High School Applicants (Seniors Only)**

**Application Form**

***Only emailed applications in Microsoft Office Word format will be accepted.***

***(No PDFs, no scanned docs, no handwritten docs, etc.)***

**Applicants Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Contact Numbers: Home \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**E-mail \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA (25%): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Classification (*Qualified applicants must have Senior Classification*): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Please complete the following components of the application. Feel free to use additional pages if necessary.**

**\*Awards and Honors:**

**Community Involvement/Organizational Affiliations (25%):**

**\*Your most notable accomplishment to date:**

**Leadership Experiences (25%):**

**\*Long-term Aspirations:**

**What aspects of Dr. King’s life and legacy do you apply to your everyday life? (150 words or less) (50%)**

**\*This component of the scholarship criteria will also be taken into consideration when determining the scholarship recipients.**

**By submitting this application to the NWA MLK scholarship committee, I certify that the above information is true and accurate. I understand the giving of any false information will automatically disqualify me as a recipient of the scholarship. *Electronic signatures are sufficient at this time. If you are selected as a recipient, a signed hard copy must be received by the committee within five business days.***

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**Parent/Guardian (s) Date**

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**Applicant’s Signature Date**

**Submit application to:** [**nwamlkscholar@yahoo.com**](mailto:nwamlkscholar@yahoo.com)

**Emailed applications must be received no later than 5:00pm on November 9, 2018. Late Applications will not be accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**Last Update: October 18, 2018**