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Credit Union

The City of Jacksonville's 2023 Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast presented by Florida Blue commemorates the 94th anniversary of Dr. King's birth by honoring his lifelong commitment and achievements toward his dream for social change.

Tomorrow's Leaders presented by VyStar Credit Union is a component of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast that looks to recognize and award youth in our community who are exemplifying the philosophies of Dr. King through leadership, community volunteerism and civic responsibility.

The City of Jacksonville is pleased to offer the opportunity for deserving elementary, middle and high school students to be nominated for the Tomorrow's Leaders Award. Award recipients will be recognized at the 2023 Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast on Friday, January 13, 2023.

Tomorrow's Leaders Nomination Guidelines:

- Educators, mentors, community leaders, and youth-oriented non-profit organizations are encouraged to nominate deserving students who exemplify the ideals and principles of Dr. King. Nominations from commercial entities will not be accepted.
- If a child is homeschooled, nominations may be submitted by a parent.
- Nominations will be accepted for students in grades 4 - 12 in Duval, Clay, St. Johns and Nassau counties.
- Nominations can be mailed, faxed or emailed to the City of Jacksonville Division of Sports & Entertainment (contact information is listed below).
- Multiple students from the same school and/or group can be nominated.
- Nominations and essays are due by Sunday, October 30, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. EST (no exceptions).

Tomorrow's Leaders Award Information

- After the student is nominated, he or she will be required to submit a legible, preferably typed, essay based on a predetermined topic and word count.
- If a student is nominated but does not submit an essay, the student is not eligible for the award.
- Award recipients will be chosen based on nomination information and their submitted essay.
- Award categories: Elementary School, Middle School and High School
- One (1) first place and one (1) runner-up award recipients will be selected from each category.
- Award recipients will be notified beginning December 5, 2022.

Tomorrow's Leaders Essay Topic and Criteria:

Topic:

"No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence" said Martin Luther King, Jr.

Write about your dream job and how you think it is significant and influential to our community.

Criteria:

- Each category must submit essays meeting the below word count criteria:
 - Elementary school students – 200 words
 - Middle school students – 400 words
 - High school students – 500 words
- Judging will be based on the writing guidelines used in the Florida Standards Assessment.
- Essays should demonstrate focus, organization and conventions of standard English grammar.
 - *Focus* refers to how clearly the paper presents and maintains a main idea, theme, or unifying point.
 - *Organization* refers to the structure or plan of development (beginning, middle, and end) and the relationship of one point to another.
 - *Conventions* refer to the punctuation, capitalization, spelling, and sentence structure.

Awards & Recognition:

- Award recipients will receive complimentary tickets for themselves and two guests to attend the 2023 Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast on Friday, January 13, 2023.
- Award recipients will be recognized at the breakfast and have the opportunity to recite their essays as part of the breakfast programming.
- First place award recipients will receive a tablet and other prizes.
- Award recipients will receive the Tomorrow's Leaders Award trophy.
- Award recipients will be recognized in the official breakfast program as well as on the official website, JaxMLKBreakfast.com.

Nominations and essays must be submitted by Sunday, October 30, by email, fax, or U.S. mail.

Mailing Address:

City of Jacksonville Sports & Entertainment
Attn: Palmer Ferguson
214 North Hogan Street, 4th Floor
Jacksonville, FL 32202
Fax Number: (904) 255-5439

Electronic Submissions:

To: Palmer Ferguson
Email: Pbferguson@coj.net
Subject Line: Tomorrow's Leaders
Nomination **OR** Tomorrow's Leaders Essay
Submission



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NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee (Student)

Grade

School

Name of Nominator

Nominator's Email

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Email Address _____

I give permission to the City of Jacksonville to use my child's name, school, likeness and essay for promotional purposes, including but not limited to photographic and videography needs, related to the 2023 Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast.

Date: _____



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Signature of Parent/Guardian

If signing electronically, by typing my initials above, I acknowledge this is a substitute for my signature *(must be a parent/legal guardian)*

Explain how the nominee epitomizes Martin Luther King, Jr. and what he/she represents (community, leadership and civic responsibility). *Please make sure information is legible.*
