



# TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast  
City of Jacksonville

The City of Jacksonville's 2022 Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast commemorates the 93<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Dr. King's birth by honoring his life-long commitment and achievements toward his dream for social change.

Tomorrow's Leaders 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 2022 Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast on Friday, January 14, 2022.

## **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, November 28, 2021 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 10, 2021.

## Tomorrow's Leaders Essay Topic and Criteria:

### Topic:

"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way," said Martin Luther King, Jr.

Share and describe an example of a time when you did something small in a great way. Did you help someone? Did you accomplish something small that you're proud of?

### 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 2022 Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast on Friday, January 14, 2022.
- 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 Friday, November 28, by email, fax, or U.S. mail.

#### Mailing Address:

City of Jacksonville Sports & Entertainment  
Attn: Paola Lorenzo  
214 North Hogan Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Jacksonville, FL 32202  
Fax Number: (904) 255-5439

#### Electronic Submissions:

To: Paola Lorenzo  
Email: [plorenzo@coj.net](mailto:plorenzo@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 2022 Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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.**

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