

2017-2018 JCTA Human & Civil Rights Committee

MLK Jr Diversity Contest Rules:

**\*\*\*Any work not including the following, will not be considered\*\*\***

1. *Entries will be judged on how well they reflect this year's themes:*
  - **Elementary (K-3, 4-5, ECE):** "Be a bush if you can't be a tree. If you can't be a highway, just be a trail. If you can't be a sun, be a star. For it isn't by size that you win or fail. Be the best of whatever you are." —from speech before a group of students at Barratt Junior HS in Philadelphia, October 26, 1967
  - **Middle School (6-8, ECE) /High School (9-12, ECE):** "... I am convinced that men hate each other because they fear each other. They fear each other because they don't know each other, and they don't know each other because they don't communicate with each other, and they don't communicate with each other because they are separated from each other."—MLK, Jr speech at Cornell College on October 15, 1962
2. *Each teacher may submit up to 5 entries per category.*
3. *Each category will be judged in the following areas: Primary (K-3), Intermediate (4-5), Middle (6-8), High (9-12) and ECE (Primary Elementary, Intermediate Elementary, Middle, High)*
4. ***Each entry must include a completed cover sheet***
5. *Entries must be submitted to the JCTA Office no later than Friday, November 3rd @ 5:00 pm.*

Drama Criteria:

- Drama entries are to be original in nature and can be no more than 5 minutes in length.
- All entries must be submitted on video tape or DVD.
- Judging Criteria:
  - Content: Cohesive, adheres to theme
  - Vocal: Enunciation/volume; expression (rhythm/intonation)
  - Physical/Facial: Emotion; Costume/dress; gestures (natural); stance
  - Creativity: Interpretation of subject; Unique vision

Visual Arts Criteria:

- Visual Arts entries may be in the form of a poster, painting, sculpture, diorama, shadowbox, etc.
- Works must be original; no copies, stencils or clip art.
- Judging Criteria:
  - Content: Cohesive, adheres to theme
  - Media: Unity of parts, neat and clean
  - Style: Line, Balance, Composition, Color
  - Creativity: Interpretation of Theme, Unique Vision

Writing Criteria:

- Writing entries may be in the form of an original non-fiction essay, fictional prose or poem.
- Writing entries must comply with the JCPS writing rubric.
- Writing entries may be typed or handwritten on white, 8 ½ x 11 paper
- Judging Criteria:
  - Content: adheres to theme, specific examples
  - Mechanics: capitalization, punctuation, grammar, spelling
  - Style/Usage: Diction (choice of words-specific and concrete), Transitions within and between paragraphs, Clarity of Thought
  - Creativity: Interpretation of theme; Unique vision
  - Length: K-1 (min. 50 words); 2-5 (no more than 2 pages); 6-8 and 9-12 (500-1,000 words; 1-2 pages)