



City of Lauderhill MLK Task Force  
**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**  
**2017 ESSAY CONTEST**

**Sponsored by Tenet Health - Florida Medical Center**

**ESSAY TOPIC: Dreams**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had many dreams that the world has seen come to fruition even though some are still in the process of becoming reality. In the spirit of Dr. King, explain what **YOUR** dreams are. How has living in Lauderhill molded your dreams and desires? If there was one dream that you fully intend to fulfill, what is it and how would it change Lauderhill, the County, the State, and/or the Nation?

**SPECIFICATIONS: 500-1,000 Words**

- Must be computer printed.
- Use 8 ½ x 11 paper with 1-inch right/left margins: .75-inch top/bottom margins; double-spaced.
- The essay must contain correct spelling and grammar.
- If quotations are used, cite references at the end of the essay in a standard reference format (references are not part of the word count.)

**CRITERIA**

**GRADE: 12<sup>TH</sup> Grade (Only Graduating Seniors are eligible)**

- Applicants must enroll in college in the fall 2017.
- **Applicants must live in Lauderhill.**
- Applicants must complete the attached application.
- Applicants must have cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above.
- Applicants must submit two (2) letters of recommendation from two (2) different teachers.

**AWARD:** Three (3) \$500 scholarships are available.

**One scholarship is designated for a student attending an HBCU college.**

**Applications must be received on or before April 24, 2017.**

**You may submit your application by email to [Jboukhari@lauderdale-fl.gov](mailto:Jboukhari@lauderdale-fl.gov).**



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**THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL - 2017 DR. KING ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
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Full Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle M/F

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_   
Date of Birth Telephone Fax E-mail Address

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to applicant \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ College Planning to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ SAT/ACT Scores \_\_\_\_\_ (if available)

Extracurricular and volunteer activities (community service, school, church, etc.):

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Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

**\*\*Student and parent signatures give the City of Lauderhill ownership of entries and permission to use any photos taken for publicity purposes.**

**Application deadline is on or before April 24, 2017 along with the following:**

1. Two letters of recommendation from two different teachers.
2. Essay (based on specifications noted above).



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**TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM**

Student's Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known this student? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you teach this student? If so, what subject? \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate this student, by checking the following areas:

Rating Areas	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor
Academic Ability				
Creativity				
Personal qualities & character				

Please tell us your impressions of this student. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thank you for completing this recommendation.**  
**Please return this form to the student in a sealed envelope or by email to**  
**Jboukhari@laudershill-fl.gov.**



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**JUDGES' ESSAY RATINGS**

- I. ESSAY CONTENT: (50 Points)**
  - a. Strength of message (25 points)
  - b. Appropriateness (Sticks to subject) (15 points)
  - c. Solutions offered (5 points)
  - d. Strength of appeal (5 points)
  
- II. WRITING STYLE: (35 Points)**
  - a. Clarity, Consistency (15 points)
  - b. Mechanics (Grammar, punctuation, etc.) (10 points)
  - c. Effective introduction and conclusion (10 points)
  
- III. FORMAT (15 Points)**
  - a. Compliance with contest rules (10 points)
  - b. Presentation (5 points)

**Total Possible Points: 100**