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COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE, INC.

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<http://mlkcommemorativecommittee.org/>

Deadline: Thursday, MIDNIGHT November 6, 2025 Scholarship Eligibility and Criteria



- Scholarship eligibility criteria and application completion (download the application in adobe, fill in information, sign electronically, email)
- Applicant will be a graduating senior (the class of 2026) from one of the following schools in the Tri-County area: Belleview High School, Lake Weir High School, Leesburg High School, Tavares High School, The Villages High School, and Wildwood Middle High School.
- Demonstrate academic ability with a minimum of a 2.5 grade point average.
- Use a computer to fill in all applicable information on the form.
- Accuracy and original thoughts are important.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- All required documents must be emailed along with the application on or before the deadline- midnight, Thursday, November 6, 2025.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

First

Middle Initial

Last

Mailing Address:

Street (or Box No.): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Current Home phone number: _____

Current Cell Phone: _____

Email Address **(NOT SCHOOL EMAIL)**: _____

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Contact information for Parent or Guardian:

Name of Parent: _____ or Guardian: _____

Address of Parent or Guardian: _____

Current Home phone number: _____

Current Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

2. COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION:

School you are planning to attend: _____

Major Field of Study _____

3. Are you enrolled in a dual enrollment program? _____

4. **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Using only the space below, list the extracurricular activities you participated in during the last four years in high school.

Extracurricular School Activity	Leadership Position Held	Fr	So	Jr	Sr

5. **Community/Volunteer or Employment Activities:** Using only the space below, list the extracurricular community activities you participated in during the last four years in high school.

Community/Volunteer/Employment Activities	Hours of Service (total for 4 years)	Fr	So	Jr	Sr

6. Write a brief statement about how the scholarship will help in responding to your needs and achieving your goals (no more than 100 words). Please attach your statement to the end of the application.

7. ESSAY: Reflect and expound on this two-part question (maximum 500 words). The response is to be completed on the computer double spaced using a font no smaller than 12 pitch and no larger than 14 pitch. Proof your essay for spelling and accuracy and list all references used. Attach essay to the application.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is quoted as saying, "Our lives begin to end when we become silent about things that matter."

PART 1 What were two of the important issues about which Dr. King was not willing to remain silent in his continued struggle to work toward justice for all?

PART 2 In your own school or community, what are areas about which you have spoken up or feel the need to speak up about? How do you feel that by speaking up you have made or can make a difference in your community?

Please note: Essays should be the student's own original work and reflect the student's understanding, reasoning, analysis, and critical thinking about the above essay questions.

8. REFERENCES: Select two (2) reference providers who can attest to your accomplishments and attributes as described in your application. Reference providers should agree to be contacted about your candidacy for this scholarship e.g., school principal; teacher, counselor, employer, coach, Minister, etc. They will be required to write a brief paragraph to attest to the accomplishments and attributes of the student. Please attach both reference letters to your application. (No letters from family members or close friends).

Name of Reference	How Known by Applicant	Telephone Number

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9. ACADEMIC INFORMATION: Non-Weighted GradePoint Average: _____

10. APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION: I certify that the information in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature: (required electronic signature)

Date

Certified by Counselor or Principal (required electronic signature)

Date

11. PERMISSION TO RELEASE INFORMATION: I grant permission to my high school to supply the MLK Commemorative Scholarship Committee with a copy of my transcripts if requested.

Applicant Signature (required electronic signature)

Date

Due Thursday, November 6, 2025 before midnight.

Your complete application must be emailed to MLKScholarships@aol.com no later than midnight, Thursday, November 6, 2025

REMINDER: Please proofread for spelling, punctuation, complete sentences, and accuracy before submitting.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

Dr. Jean Christopher (Vice President for Scholarships):

laken52@roadrunner.com 330-770-8841

Please note that if you receive a full scholarship from other sources, you will not be able to use this scholarship.