



2026–2027 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Scholarship Committee

Applicant must be a graduating senior (Class of 2027) from: Belleview HS, Lake Weir HS, Leesburg HS, Tavares HS, Wildwood High School, or The Villages Charter High School. Minimum 2.5 (non-weighted) GPA required.

1. Applicant Information

Name (First, Middle Initial, Last):			
Mailing Address (Street or Box No.):			
City:		State:	
		Zip Code:	
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Email (NOT school email):		High School:	
Graduation Date:		Non-Weighted GPA:	

2. Parent or Guardian Contact Information

Name of Parent/Guardian:			
Address (if different):			
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Email:			

3. College / University Information

School you plan to attend:	
Major Field of Study:	
Are you (or were you) in a high school Dual Enrollment program (may lead to an Associate's Degree)?	

4. Original Work Certification

I certify that this application, including my essay, is my own original work and was not generated or substantially written by AI tools (e.g., ChatGPT). I understand a violation results in disqualification, even after an award is made.

I certify →

5. Required Attendance Acknowledgment

I understand that, if selected, I must attend both the Meet & Greet (Sat., Dec. 12, 2026) and the Scholarship Breakfast (Sat., Jan. 16, 2027). Meet & Greet exceptions require advance notice to and approval from Dr. Jean Christopher. **Breakfast attendance is mandatory** — if I can't attend, a parent/guardian must attend in my place, or the scholarship will not be awarded.

I agree →



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6. School Activities (last four years)

Extracurricular Activity	Leadership Position Held	Fr	So	Jr	Sr

7. Community / Volunteer / Employment Activities (last four years)

Activity	Hours of Service (4-yr total)	Fr	So	Jr	Sr

8. Statement of Need (attach if longer — 100 words max)

Briefly state how this scholarship will help you respond to your needs and achieve your goals.



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9. Essay — Type your answer directly below

Reflect on the quote below from Dr. King's book, *Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?* (1967), and respond to the two-part question by typing directly into the boxes below. 500-word limit per part.

"Occasionally in life one develops a conviction so precious and meaningful that he will stand on it till the end."

PART 1: Share one conviction that Dr. King held, and how it manifested itself through his actions.

PART 2: Elaborate on one conviction that you hold and what specifically makes you hold that conviction.

Essays must be the student's own original work (see Original Work Certification, Section 4).



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10. References (two required — not a friend or family member)

Reference letters should be attached separately. List your two reference providers below:

Reference 1 Name: Phone:

How Known:

Reference 2 Name: Phone:

How Known:

11. Certification & Signatures (typed name + date serves as electronic signature)

I certify that the information in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge, and I grant permission to my high school to supply my transcripts to the Committee if requested.

IMPORTANT: YOU, the applicant — not your guidance counselor — are responsible for submitting this complete application by the deadline. Send it to your counselor for signature well ahead of time, and allow plenty of time for it to be signed and returned to you before the deadline. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.

Applicant Signature (typed name): Date:

Counselor/Principal Signature: Date:

Deadline: midnight, Monday, November 16, 2026

Email your complete, combined application to: MLKScholarships@aol.com

Questions? Dr. Jean Christopher, Vice President for Scholarships — (330) 770-8841 — laken52@roadrunner.com

For technical questions, please contact: Ronald Renna — 352-617-3610 — rrenna@cscsi.net

Note: applicants who receive a full scholarship from another source may not use this scholarship.