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2022 Application for the 40th Annual Celebration January 16, 2022 Martin Luther King, Jr., Youth Social Justice Awards

The Pomona Inland Valley Martin Luther King, Jr., Project is now accepting applications for the 2022 Martin Luther King, Jr., Youth Social Awards. This year's theme is, *We Shall Overcome: "True peace is not merely the absence of tensions: it's the presence of justice."* The awards, in the amounts of \$200 to \$1,000, are given to students, ages 15-19, who have demonstrated leadership in the spirit of Rev. Dr. King in their schools and communities. These awards are intended to honor youth who strive to promote social justice through their community service and their involvement in school and religious organizations.

The awards are presented at the annual Martin Luther King, Jr., birthday Celebration. **Please note to receive the award, recipients MUST attend the annual Martin Luther King, Jr., 40th Annual Celebration presented virtually due to the current pandemic COVID 19. The virtual celebration will begin at 6:00 pm, Sunday, January 16, 2022, at our webpage pivmlkproject.org.**

For the past 39 years, the Pomona Inland Valley Martin Luther King, Jr., Project (PIV-MLK) has worked to honor the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The mission of the Project is to *commemorate the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and empower the community, families, and youth to promote social justice, unity, and outstanding service.* The Youth Social Justice Awards commemorate Dr. King's legacy that lives on through youth who believe in the importance of following in his footsteps.

Your application **must be submitted online at pivmlkproject@gmail.com by 11:59pm on November 1st, 2021.** PIV-MLK is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us via e-mail pivmlkproject@gmail.com

In Unity,

Sherie Rodgers, President

and the 2022 PIV-MLK Board & Committee

Martin Luther King, Jr., Youth Social Justice Award Application Form

-PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY-
(Use blue or black ink only)

Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Birthday (month/date/year): _____

Father, Mother and/or Legal Guardian name(s):

Parent or legal guardian phone number: _____

If selected, how would you use this award? _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Good Character Statement: We expect that all award recipients be of good character. If any unlawful act is discovered by Pomona Inland Valley MLK, Jr. Project Board Members, your Award will be revoked.

Martin Luther King, Jr., Youth Social Justice Award Application Checklist

Please provide the following as instructed below. These are the criteria which will be used to score your application. All applications must be received online by 11:59pm on November 1, 2021. Identify and submit your documents. Incomplete applications or those received after the deadline will not be considered.

- Application Form:** Please answer all questions on the Martin Luther King, Jr., Youth Social Justice Award Application Form (page 2 of this packet). **Please submit via email as First name 2022App.**
- Essay:** The mission of the Pomona Inland Valley Martin Luther King, Jr. Project is *to commemorate the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and empower the community, families, and youth to promote social justice, unity, and outstanding service.* In an essay format, please answer the following question: **What are you doing to promote social justice like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.?** Please include: one lesson that Dr. King has taught you and explain how it has influenced your actions promoting social justice in your personal, academic, or career goals. Overall, the essay should demonstrate why you are a good candidate to receive this award. **Please submit via email as First name 2022Essay.**
- Formatting Directions:** The essay should be only 2 pages but not more than 3 pages. Please TYPE in black using 12-point font in Times New Roman or Arial ONLY, double spaced, set the page layout with one-inch margins and SINGLE SIDED pages.
- Two Letters of Support:** Please request and include two different, signed support letters from letters from school representatives, civic leaders, spiritual/religious leaders, or organization leaders who can comment on your accomplishments, and your commitment to social justice. **Your support letters may not be from the same person nor from representatives of the same organization and may not be from your parents or other relatives.** **Please submit via email as first name 2022Support.**
- Proof of Community Service:** 20 hours minimum required please provide proof of your community service (dates, task, etc.) which should be documented on the organizations letter head, signed by a representative of the organization, in a sealed envelope. **Note: Proof CAN NOT be from a parent or relative.** **Please submit via email as first name 2022SVC.**
- Deadline- No exceptions:** The application and all required information must be submitted online by email to pivmlkproject@gmail.com Please submit all information by **11:59pm on November 1, 2021. EARLY SUBMISSIONS ARE ENCOURAGED.** Confirmation email will be sent within 72 hrs of receiving your completed application.