



The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. “Love Overcomes” Scholarship

Developed by the Interracial Clergy Council/Interfaith League of Henrietta & Rush

Application Deadline: Friday, November 17, 2023

Purpose:

To award an eligible applicant with a scholarship to help defray the cost of college or other post-secondary education endeavors.

Sponsors:

The event and scholarship are planned and sponsored by the R-H Interracial Clergy Council/ R-H Interfaith League, the Rush-Henrietta Central School District, and the Towns of Henrietta and Rush. Our hope is to embody and spread the Beloved Community envisioned by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; we dream, work, collaborate, and celebrate together to create a vibrant unity out of our diversity.

The applicant must:

- a) be a resident of the Rush-Henrietta community.
- b) be a senior in high school with a grade point average of 3.0 (85%) or better.
- c) demonstrate a commitment to the principles of the Rev. Dr. King, Jr. through an original essay, found later in this application.
- d) use the funds awarded to help defray the cost for post-secondary studies.
- e) have documented community service.

Scholarship Amount to be Awarded:

The amount and the number of scholarships depends on the generosity of public donations, made at the annual MLK celebration, and by private contributions. In the past we have been able to award up to \$1,000.

How to apply:

Email the following (in PDF form) together in one email to rhmkscholarship@gmail.com by Friday, November 17, 2023:

- a) A completed application
- b) High school transcript
- c) Documented community service
- d) Essay (*minimum* two pages, double-spaced, 12-point font)

Scholarship will be awarded at the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 7:00pm. The location is TBD. Applicants must be present at the celebration to receive the scholarship.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. — “Love Overcomes” Scholarship Application

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

GPA _____

Please attach a typed essay reflecting on one of the following quotes by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.:

“Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.”

“The ultimate tragedy is not the oppression and cruelty by the bad people but the silence over that by the good people.”

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

“Hate is just as injurious to the hater as it is to the hated. Like an unchecked cancer, hate corrodes the personality and eats away its vital unity. Many of our inner conflicts are rooted in hate ... hate is too great a burden to bear.”