



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WEST DES MOINES YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. West Des Moines Youth Leadership Award is presented annually by the **City of West Des Moines Human Rights Commission** to a student who has demonstrated leadership and volunteerism while making significant contributions in the areas of **promoting peace and understanding; celebrating diversity, equity, and inclusion;** and **improving communication and cooperation** between diverse populations in the West Des Moines community/schools.

Recipients of this prestigious award will be announced at the WDM MLK Day virtual celebration on **Friday, January 15 at 11:30am** hosted by the West Des Moines Chamber of Commerce.

The selected youth recipient will receive a minimum of \$500 in check form following the recognition ceremony.

AWARD CRITERIA

- High school students who have demonstrated the principles of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for at least two or more years
- Have shown visible and continuing leadership in one or more of the following areas: education, religion, civil rights, or service to the community
- Have not previously received this award
- Are in good academic standing
- Attend high school in West Des Moines

CONTACT DETAILS

Student: _____ **Parent/Guardian:** _____

Address: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Email address: _____

EDUCATION DETAILS

High School: _____

Graduation Year: _____

Plans after HS Graduation: _____

ATTACH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THIS APPLICATION FORM

- **Essay** (400 words or less)
 - Please describe how you have been engaged in creating a culture of equity and inclusivity in our community.
- **2 Letters of Recommendation**
 - 1 personal and 1 school/professional (teacher, counselor, manager, etc.)

Return to:
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 West Des Moines Community Schools
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OR
*Learning Resource Center
 3550 Mills Civic Parkway
 West Des Moines, IA 50265*

Return by:
 Monday, January 4, 2021