

Cabrillo College

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay-Scholarship Contest
“Believe in Yourself”
APPLICATION PACKET
2016-2017



The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay-Scholarship Contest began in 2004, sponsored by George Ow, Jr. in honor of the commemoration of the Martin Luther King, Jr. sculpture by Barrington McLean. Dr. King espoused social justice, non-violence, and human rights. He dreamed of an equitable society wherein all people are treated with dignity and respect. His philosophy that individuals should not be judged by the color of their skin, sex, and sexual orientation, religious beliefs, or class but be judged by the content of their character is still relevant today. All students are encouraged to apply for this scholarship.

The Tony Hill Memorial Scholarship was established in 2010 to support Cabrillo College students, primarily students of color. Tony Hill was a prominent community activist and treasured mentor who died in 2007. He was an inspirational leader, gifted mediator, and bridge-builder in our community. Tony worked tirelessly for social and economic justice, education, housing, and jobs for African Americans. He dedicated his life to championing the plight of the poor and often marginalized in Santa Cruz County. Cabrillo students who submit an application and essay for the MLK Scholarship will also be eligible for the \$500 Tony Hill Memorial Scholarship.

Essay Criteria: Each applicant must produce a clear and organized essay of 2-5 pages. The essay must illustrate how Dr. King’s philosophy, as stated above, helped to shape you as a person and the ways you have incorporated Dr. King’s ideals in your daily life, educational goals, and future aspirations. You may want to discuss difficult circumstances that have impacted your ability to pursue a postsecondary education and how you overcame such obstacles. The committee is interested in experiences that have motivated you to work on behalf of human rights as well as your efforts in this area.

Scholarship Amounts to be Awarded:

- \$500 (The Tony Hill Memorial Scholarship)
- \$500 (MLK Jr. Scholarship 1st Place)
- \$250 (MLK Jr. Scholarship 2ND Place)
- \$100 (MLK Jr. Scholarship 3RD Place)

2016-17 Scoring Rubric

Applicants are encouraged to review the following scoring rubric as a guide to obtain the highest possible score.

Thesis:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clearly stated viewpoint about interest in non-violent social movements and change. ● Describes overcoming barriers to support thesis as appropriate. ● Demonstrates intellectual curiosity, maturity and initiative.
Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Every topic, idea, description, elaborates thesis.
Rhetorical Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Develops argument in depth. ● Presents a logical, sequential train of thought; easy to “see” and follow writer’s thinking.
Insightful/Analytical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Brings reader to new awareness, compassion and understanding of issue; uncovers hidden implications. ● Elaborate and connects points and information to the essay thesis. Does not repeat points and information.
Expressive Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Uses rich descriptive vocabulary to demonstrate what is meant; uses images and incidents to paint a picture and elicit emotional response.
References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sites a variety of sources including personal observations, experiences, etc.

5 points	Addresses each area well; contains enlightening information, uses relevant personal examples and experiences to illustrate thesis; connected thoughts, engages reader; story worth telling, reader feels, relates to and resonates with writer.
4 points	3-4 areas addressed sufficiently; could be strengthened by better understanding of issue and implications, economy of words.
3 points	2 or 3 areas addressed sufficiently; modest development of thesis; lacks depth and maturity.
2 points	One or two areas addressed sufficiently; poorly developed thesis and supporting narrative.
1 point	Unclear and/or poorly developed thesis, no enlightening information.

Please note:

- Each of the six (6) areas above will be rated for a maximum of 5 points.
- The total possible points your essay can receive is 30.

2016-17 Essay–Scholarship Application

_____ Date: _____
Last Name First Name

Ethnic Origin*: _____ Cabrillo College ID# _____

*Please list your ethnic origin for consideration for the Tony Hill Memorial Scholarship

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: () _____ Email Address: _____

Current # of Units: _____ Proposed Major: _____

Number of units planned for 2016 spring semester _____ (must be at least 9).

Applicants must:

- complete all sections of this application
- be enrolled in a minimum of 9 units at Cabrillo College for the 2016 spring semester

Applicants who do not meet these requirements will be disqualified.

Scholarship recipients **must** be willing, if chosen by the committee, to read their essay at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. commemoration event scheduled for **Wednesday, February 10, 2016** time and place to be announced. Please visit our website in February 2015 for specifics on location, date and time at: <http://www.cabrillo.edu/associations/studentenate/>
You can also call 831-477-3508 for information on the event.

Deadline: Your application and essay must be received by 1:00 pm on Friday, January 22, 2016 via email at flchacon@cabrillo.edu or at one of the following locations:

Watsonville Center
Student Resource Center, Room A120

Aptos Campus
Student Affairs Office
SAC East Room 216

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. commemoration event is sponsored by the ASCC Student Senate, Cabrillo College Foundation, and Student Affairs Office. The Tony Hill Memorial Scholarship is sponsored by Melanie Stern. Thank you for your interest and participation.

Attach Your Essay to this Application.
MLK Essay Theme: *“Believe in Yourself”*