



# Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration SNOHOMISH COUNTY

## 2021 *Prodigies for Peace* Writing Contest Info Sheet

To: Our local Schools, Students, and Parents:

The Snohomish County NAACP is proud to announce the 20<sup>th</sup> annual *Prodigies for Peace* Writing Contest for the Snohomish County MLK Day and NAACP Black History Month Celebration in January and February 2021.

The *Prodigies for Peace* Writing Contest helps students draw connections between the people and the events that shaped the civil rights movement and the social issues that influence their lives today. Participation in this contest helps our local community remember and celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.!

There are five separate contest categories:

- Grades 3-5
- Grades 6-8
- Grades 9-12
- Grades K-12 Art Contest

See the attached pages for contest writing assignments and art contest. Due to the COVID pandemic, return art entries to: Beth Lucas, SCB NAACP, 2315 W Mukilteo Blvd, Everett, WA 98203, post marked no later than January 29, 2021. Essay entries are to be scanned and emailed to [bethannlucas@hotmail.com](mailto:bethannlucas@hotmail.com) by January 29, 2021 or mailed to Beth Lucas, SCB NAACP, 2315 W Mukilteo Blvd, Everett WA 98203, post marked no later than January 29, 2021. The contest entry for Grades 3-5 is on one page. The instructions for the contest for Grades 6-8 and 9-12 are combined on one page.

Awards for Students:

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winners for each grade writing category will be recognized at the SCB NAACP Black History Celebration event status to be announced in January 2021.
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place art winners for grade group will be recognized at the SCB NAACP Black History Celebration event status to be announced in January 2021.
- Art winners will be displayed at the event celebration with each 1<sup>st</sup> Place drawing to be used in this year's celebration's program.
- Award Winners will be posted in The Everett Herald and Snohomish Tribune.

Questions? Please call Beth Lucas at (425-876-2530) or e-mail: [bethannlucas@hotmail.com](mailto:bethannlucas@hotmail.com)

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**Cover Sheet for Entries for the  
2021 Prodigies for Peace Writing & Art Contest**

**Due: Friday, January 21, 2021**

Return Art Contest Entry (by mail or call 425-876-2530 to make arrangements for delivery) to SCB NAACP. Return Essay Contest Entry by scanning and emailing essays *only* to email address below.

Art entries: Mail to:

Beth Lucas  
SCB NAACP  
2315 W. Mukilteo Blvd.  
Everett WA 98203-1515

Essays: scanned and emailed to:

[bethannlucas@hotmail.com](mailto:bethannlucas@hotmail.com)

or

mail to

Beth Lucas  
SCB NAACP  
2315 W Mukilteo Blvd  
Everett, WA 98203-1515

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Essays: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Art Entries: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2021 Prodigies for Peace Writing Contest Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12

Please write an essay on the following question:

Rev. Dr. Martin King Jr. wrote “An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.”

As a nation today we are as divided as when Dr. King gave his “I Have a Dream Speech,” how would you encourage others to replace their individual concerns with the broader concerns of humanity?

### **Background and Instructions:**

Consider how Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s legacy affected the civil rights and other important issues of all Americans. In 1963 during the March on Washington, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke of his dreams that “one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: “We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.” His message was to reach all people to overcome the fear and hate that creates inequality and injustice – what is your message?

Return your Essay Contest Entry to the SCB NAACP Prodigies for Peace by email to [bethannlucas@hotmail.com](mailto:bethannlucas@hotmail.com). Entries may be typed or handwritten and should include: Name, Phone Number, School, Teacher, and Grade. This information should be on the upper right hand corner of the first page of the entry.

### **Word Limit:**

Grades 6-8:	minimum: 250 words	maximum: 750 words
Grades 9-12:	minimum: 500 words	maximum: 1,000 words

**Contest Deadline: No later than Friday, January 29, 2021**

Note: Although the question is the same for both grade groups, there will be separate contest winners for Grade 6-8 and for Grade 9-12.

*Please copy for students, children, or teachers.*

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## 2021 Prodigies for Peace Writing Contest for Grades 3-5

“My Dream Is...”

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

**Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream.**

His dream was \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**I have a dream, too. A dream I have for:**

Myself \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

My Family \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

My School \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

My Community \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

My Environment \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

My World \_\_\_\_\_

Return Essay Contest Entry by email to [bethannlucas@hotmail.com](mailto:bethannlucas@hotmail.com). Contest Deadline: No later than Friday, January 29, 2021. Please copy for students, children, or teachers.

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## 2021 Prodigies for Peace Art Contest Grades Kindergarten through 12

Through any medium [drawing, painting, sculpting...] you wish to use, please create an art piece that reflects your artistic vision of Dr. King's dream coming true in our country through your eyes.

This year's theme is Dr. King's message that we need to go from our individual concerns to the concerns of all humanity.

All art entries will be grouped into the following age categories for students:

- K through 2
- 3 through 5
- 6 through 8
- 9 through 12

We ask that all drawings, paintings, etc. not be larger than 11" x 14" and have the artist's name, age and school on the front of each art piece.

*Return Contest Entry to Beth Lucas, SCB NAACP, 2315 W. Mukilteo Blvd., Everett WA  
98203 or*

*Contact Beth Lucas at [bethannlucas@hotmail.com](mailto:bethannlucas@hotmail.com) to make arrangements for delivery.*

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