

## Prizes

Winners will be determined in each category. Cash or gift cards will be awarded.

K-1: First \$20, Second \$15 Third \$10  
2-3: First \$30, Second \$20 Third \$15  
4-5: First \$40, Second \$25 Third \$20  
6-8: First \$50, Second \$30 Third \$25  
9-12: First \$100, Second \$50 Third \$30

**Announcement of Winners** will be made on Monday, January 15, 2018 at the MLK March and Program.

Winning essays and artwork may be displayed at the Brazos Valley African American Museum and read during program.

## Publication Permission

By entering this contest, students and their parents give permission for their entries to be formatted and/or printed and displayed, as well as to be distributed to the community and media.

## Deadline:

All entries must be received (mailed, delivered, or emailed) by **Friday, January 5, 2018, at 5pm** to:

Brazos Valley African Museum,  
500 E. Pruitt St, Bryan, TX 77803  
director@bvaam.org or

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
P.O. Box 2222, Bryan, TX 77806  
mlkcontest@bvaadst.com

**For more information contact:**  
BVAA Chapter of Delta Sigma  
Theta Sorority, Inc. at  
[www.bvaadst.com](http://www.bvaadst.com)

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Brazos Valley African American  
Museum at [www.bvaam.org](http://www.bvaam.org)



# 2018 MLK ESSAY & POSTER CONTEST

Sponsored by:  
Brazos Valley Area Alumnae Chapter of  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. &  
Brazos Valley African American Museum

This contest is open to all students in grades K-12 in private, home, and parochial schools of the Brazos Valley. The intent is to provide all students with an opportunity to learn about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., his message and his work, give students opportunity to reflect on our present and the future in light of Dr. King's message; and encourage continued study through awards and recognition.

## THEMES & CRITERIA

### K-5th Grade

**"How Can I Create Peace & Unity In My Community"**

K-1: at least two complete sentences and poster

2-3: at least five complete sentences and poster

4-5: at least ten complete sentences and poster

K-5 essays can be handwritten or typed

Posters: Use pencils, crayons, paints, markers. Posters must reference theme, be white and **no larger than 12"x18"**.



### 6th-12th Grade

Interpret the following quotation by Dr. King,

**"Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve."** How did Dr. King serve his community and how do/can you serve your community?

6-8: 300-500 word essay can be typed or handwritten

9-12: All forms of art media are encouraged, no essay required. Examples include poetry, painting, photography, & architecture. Must relate to theme, demonstrate an understanding of Dr. King's civil rights work, be creative, and original.

Each entry **Must** include the **Entry Form** found on website or attach the following information:

- The Title for grade category entered
- Student name, grade, teacher name, school, home address
- Parent/Guardian name and contact phone number or email for notification



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1913 on the campus of Howard University to promote academic excellence; to provide scholarships; to provide support to the underserved; to educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in communities. Today, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has more than 900 chapters worldwide and has initiated over 250,000 members. The Sorority uses its Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement to create its national programs. The Brazos Valley Area Alumnae Chapter celebrates over 30 years of serving the community.