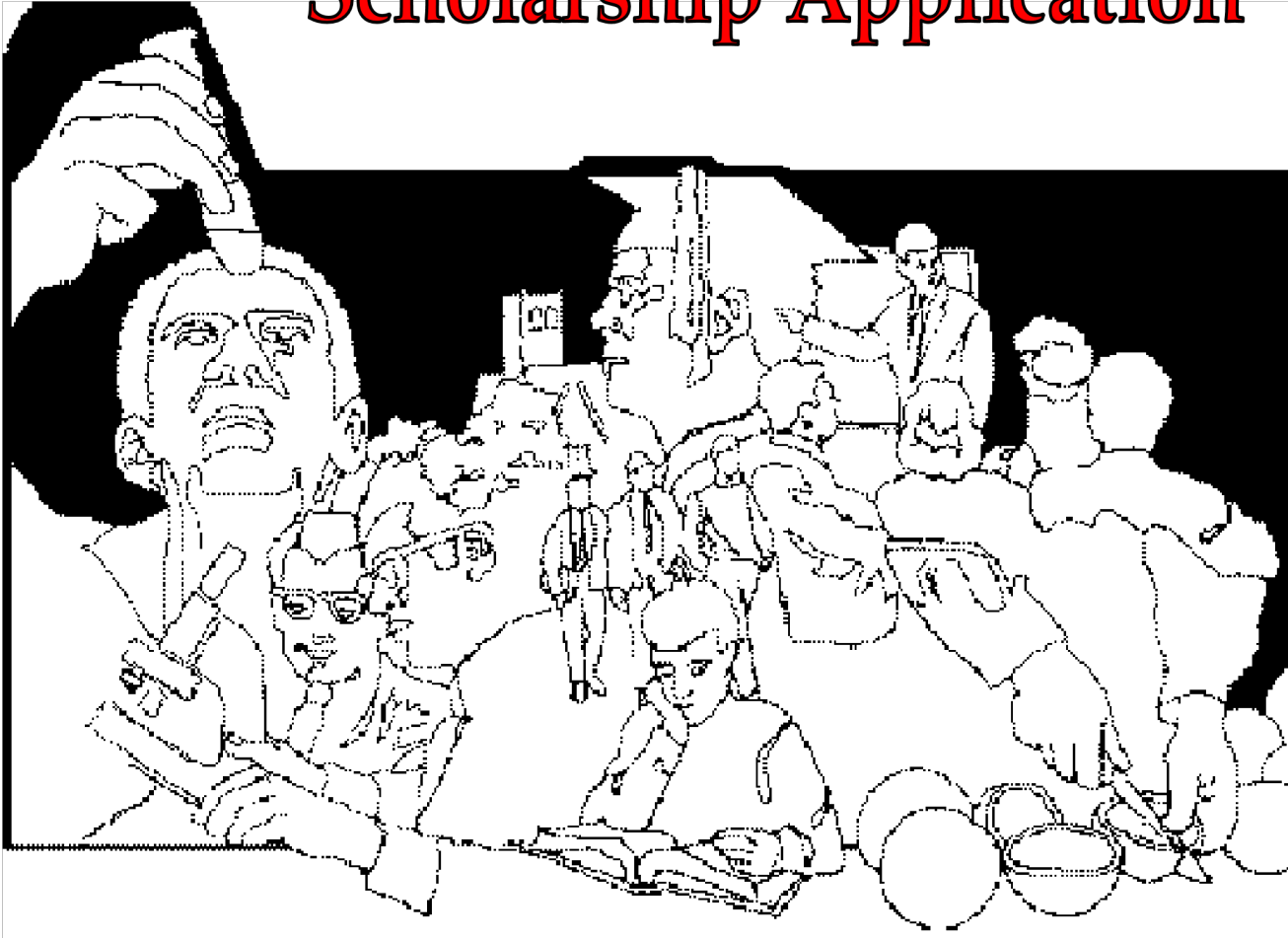


*Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance
of Metropolitan Omaha*

2024

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Scholarship Application**



Application Deadline: December 29, 2023

\$1,000.00 Scholarship

*Requests for additional applications may be e-mailed to pastormichaelwilliams@gmail.com.
For more information, call Pastor T. Michael Williams at 402-679-3737
or Pastor Alvin P. McCruel at 402-979-0114*

*Rev. Portia Cavitt, President
ACTION ADVOCACY ACCOUNTABILITY*

*IMA is an interdenominational fellowship of clergy, organized to support underserved African Americans
in metropolitan Omaha through action advocacy, and accountability.*

The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholarship is awarded each year to an African American graduating high school senior who plans to enter an institution of higher education. This year the Alliance will award two \$1,000.00 scholarships. An eligible candidate must submit a complete application and be a member of a church in the Omaha, metropolitan area. The candidate must also graduate from high school in the 2023-2024 school year.

*The award will be given to the institution of higher learning specified by the scholarship recipient upon written proof of the recipient's acceptance by the institution. The successful candidate will submit a complete **application** (pages below), an **essay** on the required topic related to Dr. King, a **current official high school transcript**, and a **pastor's letter of recommendation**. Recipients will be notified in writing by January 9, 2024, to attend the 40th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon on January 15. Awards will be announced during the luncheon.*

*The candidate should complete the application, print out the attached pages, then submit them with all other required documents (see below). Forms should be **typed**. The completed application package should be **emailed to pastormichaelwilliams@gmail.com** or **postmarked no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, December 29, 2023**. Please submit the completed package (application, essay, letter of recommendation, and a current official high school transcript) by email to Pastor T. Michael Williams or mail it to:*

IMA Scholarship Committee
c/o Pastor T. Michael Williams
Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance
Post Office Box 11761
Omaha, Nebraska 68111

Selection Process

A careful screening process ensures that each scholarship winner is qualified. The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance Scholarship Committee will review all applications in search of the candidates who possess a good academic record, as well as those personal qualities that reflect significant overall potential for service to the larger community. All the following will be considered in determining the applicant's potential and personal motivation:

- *Applicant's 400-word essay (pages 5-9)*
- *Pastor's letter of recommendation*
- *Church involvement (page 4)*
- *Community activity/service (page 4)*
- *Official grade point average (page 3) and official high school transcript*
- *Extra-curricular school activities and awards (page 4)*

Applicants will also be judged on their package's overall neatness, timeliness, and presentation. Applicants are also strongly encouraged to take special care in preparing their essays. Please note that finalists may be required to submit to an interview.

Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance

The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Metropolitan Omaha has long had a significant presence in the Omaha community. Among the IMA's many outreach activities, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Service and Community Luncheon have gained national recognition. Some of America's most gifted preachers are presented each year during the weekend of the third Monday in January. The 2024 celebration marks the fortieth consecutive year that IMA has sponsored the Unity Celebration.

IMA 2024 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Application

Please completely fill in this page. Use only the space provided below. Do not attach a separate sheet.

Applicant's Full Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Telephone Number: _____ **Social Security Number:** _____ - _____ - _____

Address: _____
(Number, Street) (City, State) (Zip Code)

Email Address: _____

Place of Birth: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____
(City, State)

Parent/Guardian: _____ **Second Parent/Guardian (if applicable):** _____
(First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name) (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name)

Current High School: _____
(Name) (Address) (City, Zip Code)

Church Affiliation: _____
(Church Name)

(Address)

(City, State, Zip Code)

Projected Institution of Higher Education: _____
(Name of Institution)

(City, State)

(Projected Month, Year of Enrollment)

Pastor: _____
(First Name, Last Name)

(Pastor's Phone Number)

***Class Rank:** _____ of _____

***Grade Point Avg:** _____ (Unweighted) _____ (Weighted)++

***Test Scores** SAT: _____ (Math) _____ (Verbal) **OR** ACT _____ (Composite)



Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____ (Name) _____ (Date)

All information listed on this application (in its entirety) is true and accurate. *I understand that these items will be verified. ++If available.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Applicant's Full Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Ninth Grade Honors/Recognitions/Extra-Curricular Activities/Work Experience/Community Involvement

Tenth Grade Honors/Recognitions/Extra-Curricular Activities/Work Experience/Community Involvement

Eleventh Grade Honors/Recognitions/Extra-Curricular Activities/Work Experience/Community Involvement

Twelfth Grade Honors/Recognitions/Extra-Curricular Activities/Work Experience/Community Involvement

Church Activities, Awards (specify number of years)

****IMA 2024 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Essay****

Choose one of the six principles for non-violent protest below and write an essay discussing how the use of that principle can change current American culture.

SIX PRINCIPLES OF NONVIOLENCE

- 1. Nonviolence is a way of life for courageous people. It is active nonviolent resistance to evil.***
- 2. Nonviolence seeks to win friendship and understanding. The end result of nonviolence is redemption and reconciliation.***
- 3. Nonviolence seeks to defeat injustice, not people. Nonviolence recognizes that evildoers are also victims.***
- 4. Nonviolence holds that suffering can educate and transform. Nonviolence willingly accepts the consequences to its acts.***
- 5. Nonviolence chooses love instead of hate. Nonviolence resists violence to the spirit as well as the body. Nonviolence love is active, not passive. Nonviolence love does not sink to the level of the hater. Love restores community and resists injustice. Nonviolence recognizes the fact that all life is interrelated.***
- 6. Nonviolence believes that the universe is on the side of justice. The nonviolent resister has deep faith that justice will eventually win.***

From The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change

In the space provided below and on the following pages, please print or type an original essay of 400 words or less on how using one of the six principles above can change current American culture. If your essay exceeds this length, only the first 400 words will be considered. Please use only these sheets for submitting your essay.

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____

Except for directly attributed quotes, I wrote this entire essay. It is an original essay, containing my thoughts and words.

Applicant's Signature

Date

