

**2024 City of Carson**

**MLK Essay Contest**

**Instructions:**

- 1) Complete this application
- 2) Write an original essay based on the prompt below in 500 words or less
- 3) Attach this application to your original essay
- 4) Take your essay to the Human Services Office at the Carson Community Center

**Application Deadline:** Wednesday, January 3, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

**Categories:** Elementary School, Middle School, High School

**Awards:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place will be awarded in all categories

**Drop-off Location:** Carson Event Center, 801 E. Carson Street (Monday-Sunday 8am-6pm)

**Essay prompt:** "The Evolution of You"

The more we live, the more we learn. We are growing and changing every day. That's called evolving. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. evolved throughout his lifetime. As he gained knowledge and as he met new people, his ideas about how to create positive change in the world evolved. Please reflect on this idea, and then write a short essay (500 words or less) about your own evolution. How have your thoughts and ideas changed over time? What prompted that change? How have you become a better version of yourself over time?

***Winners will present their essay during the 2024 Dr. Martin Luther King Tribute on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at the Carson Event Center.***

Name of Essay Writer: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian for those age 17 and under: \_\_\_\_\_

Category (Elementary School, Middle School, High School): \_\_\_\_\_

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