



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Speech Contest

Co-Sponsored by
DuPont Washington Works and West Virginia University at Parkersburg

CONTEST GOAL

To encourage high school and college students in the Mid-Ohio Valley to learn about and support the dreams of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL

Eligibility:

Open to high school (9-12) students in any public, private, charter or home school in Jackson, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Tyler, Wirt or Wood Counties in West Virginia, and Washington and Morgan Counties in Ohio

SPEECH TITLE:

**"Turning Dreams into Deeds:
Creating Change Through Engagement"**

6-8 minutes

COLLEGE LEVEL

Eligibility:

Open to college students enrolled at any public or private college or university located in Wood and Jackson Counties in West Virginia or in Washington or Athens Counties in Ohio

SPEECH TITLE:

**"Yesterday's Dreams, Today's Possibilities,
Tomorrow's Reality: Responsibilities of a Generation"**

8-10 minutes

Limited note cards permitted ♦ Video entries only ♦ Manuscripts must be submitted with entries.

Entries will not be returned. ♦ **QUESTIONS:** Call Vicki Crooks (304) 424-8229 or e-mail: Vicki.Crooks@mail.wvu.edu

First Place Prize:

- Trophy
- \$300 Amazon Gift Card
- One-semester \$500 scholarship to WVU at Parkersburg (upon verification of eligibility)

Second Place Prize:

- Trophy
- \$200 Amazon Gift Card

Third Place Prize:

- Trophy
- \$100 Amazon Gift Card

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IMPORTANT NOTE: Winners will be expected to attend a public celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, at West Virginia University at Parkersburg at which time prizes will be awarded. First place winners must attend a rehearsal on the program date and will deliver their speeches in person during the program.

The theme for the 2010 program is *"The Power of a Dream."* The distinguished Reverend Samuel "Billy" Kyles from Memphis, Tennessee, will deliver the keynote address. Rev. Kyles was with Martin Luther King Jr. when he was assassinated and is the only person still living to have spent the last hour with Dr. King. In addition to the prizes listed above, each winner will receive an autographed copy of the documentary film, *"The Witness: From the Balcony of Room 306"* featuring the story that Rev. Kyles will deliver live to the audience in Parkersburg on January 13. The program, co-sponsored by West Virginia University at Parkersburg and DuPont Washington Works, will be free and open to the public.



ENTRY DEADLINE: Postmark by December 4, 2009



ENTRY FORM

High School Contest College Contest

Please PRINT:

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Name _____ School _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Telephone Number _____ E-mail Address _____

Submit this entry form along with a type-written manuscript and videotape of your speech postmarked no later than **December 4, 2009** to: Debbie.Richards@mail.wvu.edu OR: **MLK Speech Contest c/o Debbie Richards**

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