

# Elyria MLK JR. Commission 2025

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art Contest

The Elyria MLK Commission is pleased to announce its regional Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art Contest. This contest is intended to encourage students to reflect upon Dr. King's life, philosophy, and impact on the Civil Rights Movement and present-day America. It is meant to challenge students to think about how civil rights and diversity affect their lives and how they can continue the work of Dr. King in their own way.

All Elyria City students in grades 5 -12 are invited to enter this contest and may submit one (1) entry per student. **All contest entries must be accompanied by a clearly written official entry form, completed in its entirety. (Submissions will not be considered without a completed entry form.)**

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### CONTEST THEME

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***Describe how you could contribute to creating a more just and equitable society***

**Contest Entries:** Each participant in the contest is invited to participate by creating work that creatively responds to the above statement in bold print.

**Questions?** Call us at 440-326-1552 or visit us online at: [www.cityofelyria.org](http://www.cityofelyria.org)

All entries should be **emailed to [parks@cityofelyria.org](mailto:parks@cityofelyria.org) or received by mail\* no later than January 10, 2025 at 5:00 PM.**

Elyria MLK Commission  
131 Court Street, Suite 202  
Elyria, OH 44035

Contest rules and entry forms are also available online at [www.cityofelyria.org](http://www.cityofelyria.org)



# 2025 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art Contest Official Entry Form

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Art Contest

**DEADLINE: JANUARY 10, 2025**  
The Elyria MLK Commission  
2025  
131 Court Street, Suite 202  
Elyria, OH 44035  
[parks@cityofelyria.org](mailto:parks@cityofelyria.org)

## Student Information

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Grade Level:  5  6  7  8  9  10  11  12 *(please check only one grade level)*

Student Name:

FIRST

LAST

Student E-Mail Address (if applicable):

Parent or Guardian Name:

FIRST

LAST

Parent or Guardian E-Mail Address (if applicable):

Home Address:

City:

Zip:

Phone Number: (     )

## School Information

School Name:

Address:

City:

Zip:

Phone Number:

Principal's Name:

FIRST

LAST

Teacher's Name:

FIRST

LAST

Teacher's email address:

**DEADLINE: RECEIVED\* BY JANUARY 10, 2025**

*Please complete the entire form. Submissions will not be considered without a completed entry form.  
Forms, art submissions can be emailed to [parks@cityofelyria.org](mailto:parks@cityofelyria.org)*

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## Art Contest Rules

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- ◆ In addition to creating artwork to illustrate their idea, students must write a brief paragraph (on a separate piece of paper attached to the back of the artwork) to explain their illustration.
  - ◆ All entries must have dimensions of 12 inches by 18 inches.
  - ◆ Each student may submit only one entry, and each entry must be the original work of only one student.
  - ◆ Pencils, crayons, pens, markers, or paints may be used. No chalk please.
  - ◆ No sculpture or three-dimensional entries.
  - ◆ Physical prints of digital artwork are accepted, but all art must be the artist's own creation.
  - ◆ Each entry **must** be accompanied by a completed contest entry form attached to the artwork.
  - ◆ Name and grade must be on artwork and attached paper.
  - ◆ Entries received after the deadline may not be considered in the competition. Entries will not be returned.

**Winners will be selected according to the following criteria:**

*Originality*  
*Idea that generated art (attached brief paragraph)*  
*Relevance to theme*  
*Effective and creative expression*

**RECEIVED\* BY DEADLINE:**

**JANUARY 10, 2025**

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