Diocese of Buffalo—Office of Cultural Diversity
MARTIN LUTHER KING SCHOLARSHIP

The Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship was established in 1987 to help an 8th grade student in attaining a Catholic High School Education.

The African American Commission through its Scholarship Committee, awards scholarships to 8th grade students for continuing their education in a Catholic High School. Our goal is to support our recipients so they may continue to serve in their churches, in their communities and in their world. Applicants for this award must meet the criteria stated below.

To be eligible for the Scholarship Program applicants must:
1. Be actively involved in their parish/ church, (religion classes, retreats, parish or diocesan activities, youth group, lector, altar server etc.)
2. Engage in service at the parish/church, school and in their communities.
3. Applicant shall have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 (high school cumulative). A current official transcript must be sent to The Office of Cultural Diversity, 795 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14203.
4. Be a member of an ethnic minority group.
5. Applicants must have received three (3) Reference forms by November 15, 2019 at least one of which must be written by a parish/ church staff member. This form cannot be written by persons related to the applicant. They must be completed by guidance counselors, teachers, community leaders, neighbors, etc.
6. To be considered for this scholarship, please COMPLETE and SUBMIT pages 3 & 4 and respond to the following questions. Your responses should be typed, not to exceed 1 page double spaced using a 12 point font.
7. Must be available to attend the award ceremony that will take place at St. Martin de Porres Church in Buffalo, on January 19, 2020 at 10:00 A. M.

1. Describe your faith journey, (i.e. your involvement in your Church community and your growth as a young Catholic/ Christian, your involvement in school and your goals for the future.)

2. What are your gifts and talents, and how would you use them in serving others?
CRITERIA FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SCHOLARSHIP

1. PROVIDE
Names, addresses, and phone numbers of three (3) references other than family or relatives. Using the attached forms, have each of your references complete the Reference Request form and return to you (the applicant) by November 15, 2019.

2. PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
A. Applicant must have demonstrated dedication in the performance of Church activities without compensation. Also applicants must have demonstrated special talent and/or ability in other specific areas, included but not limited to academics, athletics, vocational arts, work experience, fine arts, or technical sciences.
B. Applicant must have performed community service and exhibited leadership qualities. Participation in any of the following organizations is acceptable for qualification under this section: church organizations, Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts of America, Department of Recreation and Parks activities, extracurricular school activities, and other community service organizations.

3. INTERVIEW
Applicants will be interviewed by the Scholarship Committee. In addition to a review of the applicant’s credentials, the applicant will be evaluated on the basis of personal appearance, responses, attitude and demeanor.

4. FINAL SELECTION
Applicants who have been certified under Items 1, 2, and 3 will be notified of the Scholarship Committee’s decision. All decisions are final. Scholarships will be awarded to the school annually in the month of June and announced at the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration in January.

5. SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
The scholarship will be in an amount determined by the Scholarship Committee and the African American Commission of the Diocese of Buffalo, based on available funds.

6. ELIGIBILITY
In order to give other applicants the opportunity to receive an award, those who have previously received a scholarship will not be eligible to apply.

7. APPLICATION DEADLINE
All applications MUST be submitted by Friday December 6, 2019.
Date of Application: ______________

Name: __________________________________________ Date of Birth: ______________

Home Address: __________________________________ City: ________________________

State: __________ Zip code: __________

Home Telephone: ___________________________ Cell phone: _______________________

E-mail: ______________________________________

Name of Catholic High School you will be attending: ________________________________

High School Address: ___________________________ Telephone: ___________________

School Currently Attending: _____________________________________________________

E-mail: ______________________________________

Career Plans/Goals:
________________________________________________________________________________
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________________________________________________________________________________

Home Parish/Church: ___________________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________________

Pastor or Pastoral Administrator: _______________________________________________

Telephone: ___________________________________________________________________

References:

Name: _______________________________________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________________

City: __________________ State: _______ Zip code: __________

Phone Number: ______________________________ Cell Phone Number: ______________

Name: _______________________________________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________________

City: __________________ State: _______ Zip code: __________

Phone Number: ______________________________ Cell Phone Number: ______________

Name: _______________________________________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________________

City: __________________ State: _______ Zip code: __________

Phone Number: ______________________________ Cell Phone Number: ______________
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1. In what capacity do you know the applicant, and for how long?

2. How would you describe his/her journey in the Christian faith and his/her involvement in school, parish and/or Diocese?

3. What characteristics and abilities has he/she shown for Christian leadership and service?

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Address: ___________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: _____ Zip code: _______
Phone Number: ______________________ Cell Phone Number: _______________________
E-mail: __________________________

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Checklist:

Make sure you have all the following and send to:
Milagros Ramos
Office of Cultural Diversity
795 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14203

By Friday, DECEMBER 6, 2019 till 4:00 P.M.

1. You must have your school send your Official **School Transcript**.
2. Completed **Application form** page 3.
3. Received **Reference Form** page 4 from person 1.
4. Received **Reference Form** page 4 from person 2.
5. Received **Reference Form** page 4 from person 3.
6. A **one page typed, double space paper**
   with the response for questions #1 and #2 on page 1.

If we do not receive all by **December 6, 2019** your application will not be considered. Thank you.