

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**.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
Catholic High School Applicant

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:

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:** _____

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.