



Criteria for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – *Dream the Dream* Scholarship

The applicant:

- A. Must have a **high school GPA of 3.5 (unweighted)** or an **overall college GPA of 3.0**. A *high school applicant* must be a **senior** and have **completed the Polk State College admissions process**. A *college applicant* must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours. Any Polk State College student with the required GPA and credit count can apply.
- B. Must be enrolled as a Polk State College student (full or part time) to be eligible to use the funds awarded.
- C. Must use the funds awarded for courses, textbooks, or school-related supplies.

Application and Essay Requirements:

The applicant must complete the application and a typed, two-page, double-spaced essay. These items must be submitted electronically by the deadline. The essay should not exceed two-pages and should be in 12-point, Times New Roman font, in Word format (i.e., doc. file). A *high school applicant* must submit a copy of the high school transcript with the **unweighted** GPA and all coursework included. A *college applicant* must include a copy of his or her Polk State transcript with all coursework and the GPA included.

Submission:

- The applicant can access the application at the Polk State Cultural Awareness Events page: polk.edu/equity-diversity/cultural-awareness-events/.
- The student must submit the application, essay, and high school or college transcript (as appropriate) electronically to MLK@polk.edu.
The subject line of the e-mail should read: **2020 MLK Application (name of student)**.
- **The deadline for the 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship is Friday, November 15, 2019, at 11:59 p.m. (EST).**

Evaluation process:

All essays are read and rated according to the following criteria:

- The student has answered all questions and followed the essay instructions.
- The student has demonstrated the ability to express thoughts fluidly and coherently in written language.
- The student has demonstrated his or her interest in the community.
- The student meets the minimum required GPA and related requirements (see above). The GPA is used to rank applicants in the event of a tie.

Additional information:

- Scholarship recipients are notified and asked to attend the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Luncheon with family, friends, or guests.
- An RSVP with the total number of attendees is needed to prepare for this event.
- Recipients who are able to attend must arrive by 11:00 a.m.

Scholarships are awarded at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Luncheon on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, at 11:30 a.m. in WST 126, at the Polk State Winter Haven Student Center. The Polk State College Foundation contacts recipients to provide information about accessing funds for classes or books for the Spring 2020 Term (or later). The scholarship must be used within one year of its award date.



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. – DREAM THE DREAM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Fund is to provide financial assistance to Polk State College students who are pursuing educational goals and have an interest in serving their community. Recipients of the scholarship are awarded up to \$500.00.

Last Name	First Name	MI	Polk State Student ID
Street	Apt.#		Phone Number
City	State	Zip	Alternate Number
Program Objective	GPA	E-mail	

How did you hear about this scholarship? _____

Please attach a typed, two-page, double-spaced essay to address the following questions with an emphasis on *Service*. The essay should not exceed two-pages and should be in 12-point, Times New Roman font, and submitted in Word format (i.e., doc. file). While an applicant may receive assistance with editing the text of the essay, the content must be entirely of the applicant’s independent creation. The essay should answer ALL of the following questions:

- What are your academic and career goals?
- What does “Dream the Dream” mean to you?
- From your perspective, how has the Civil Rights Movement influenced the culture of the United States?
- How have you served your community, or how would you like to serve the community in the future?

Your signature certifies that the information in this application is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge, and that the essay is your original work.

Signature _____

Date _____

Applicant’s Submission:

- The application, transcript, and essay must be submitted electronically to MLK@polk.edu, no later than **11:59 p.m. on Friday, November 15, 2019**.
- The application e-mail should have the following information in the subject line: **2020 MLK Application (name of student)**.

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