

MLK COMMUNITY COALITION OF LEBANON SCHOLARSHIP RULES

Entry in this scholarship constitutes your acceptance of these official rules. MLK Community Coalition of Lebanon is offering a graduating senior of Lebanon High School, Lebanon, Ohio the opportunity to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship award.

Scholarship Deadline

Scholarship is open Monday, January 20, 2020, and ends Friday, April 10, 2020. All entries must be submitted by Friday, April 10, 2020, at 11:59:59 p.m. EST.

Eligibility

Any graduating senior of Lebanon High School, Lebanon, Ohio who has been accepted to attend a college, university, trade school, nursing school, post educational institution in pursuit of an post-secondary degree. Proof of acceptance/enrollment will need to be submitted upon request.

Members of the MLK Community Coalition Board and its affiliates or related organizations, their immediate family members are not eligible for this scholarship opportunity.

How to Enter

All scholarship entries must be submitted through the website or by mail. All scholarship applications will need to be submitted by Friday, April 10, 2020, at 11:59:59 p.m. EST.

Scholarship Submission

Scholarship entry must include the 4 page application along with the essay. Essay must be **typed, double-spaced response**. (*Entries should be no longer than four pages, and we strongly encourage creativity.*)

Scholarship Checklist

Please submit the following with the completed and signed application.

Up to 500 word personal essay that includes responses to two (2) of the questions listed below:

- *How would you work towards bridging the gap between the races, promoting racial harmony and equality, and improving awareness and understanding of cultural diversity?*
- *Please tell how the philosophies and ideals of Dr. King influence your life.*
- *Explain how you intend to put into practice the ideals of solving problems by promoting harmony and mutual respect among different groups, and working together to build up the community.*
- *Explain how the ideals of Dr. King have helped you develop your personal values and how you hope to live out these values in your life and career.*

Responses to all supplement questions (Student Involvement and Accomplishments, College Financial Information, and Personal Goals and Statements)

Letter of Reference from two teachers, advisors, and/or employers

Transcript of senior year with cumulative GPA of at least 2.5.

Acceptance letter from community college, university, trade school, tech school, or nursing school

Submit scholarship to: MLK Community Coalition of Lebanon by deadline April 10, 2020.

Awards

The first place winner of the MLK Community Coalition of Lebanon Scholarship will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Winners will be announced at the Lebanon High School senior awards ceremony and will receive their award certificate. Proceeds from the scholarship award will be mailed to the Financial Aid Office at the school the student will be attending after verification of enrollment is received. Taxes are the sole responsibility of the scholarship winner.

Award Acceptance

To accept the scholarship awards, the winners must present the following:

- College/School acceptance letter
- Enrollment confirmation
- Copy of college id
- Address to the University Bursar office

Scholarship Judging

Winning entries will be judged by a panel of experts who are MLK Community Coalition of Lebanon board members or representatives designated by MLK Community Coalition of Lebanon. The eligible submissions will be judged on the following criteria:

- Format/Layout – presentation of the text, structuring, font and style
- Content/Information – all elements of the topics are addressed, the information is technically sound, the information is based on careful research, coherence of information
- Quality of Writing – clarity of sentences and paragraphs, no errors, misspellings, grammar and use of English, organization and coherence of ideas
- References and use of references – scholarly level of references, how effective the references are used in the essay, soundness of references, APA style in reference list and for citations

Judges will evaluate and attribute a score to each entry based upon the criteria listed above. In the event that a potential winner is disqualified for any reason, the entry that received the next-highest score will be chosen as the potential winner.

The scholarship winner will be notified by phone and mail. All funds will be made payable to the winners and the college/university they attend.

General Conditions

All federal, state, and local laws and regulations apply. MLK Community Coalition of Lebanon reserves the right to disqualify any Entrant from the scholarship if it reasonably believes that the entrant did not follow the guidelines set forth, or providing false information within the context of the scholarship concerning identity, age, eligibility, mailing address, telephone number, e-mail address, and credit union affiliation. MLK Community Coalition of Lebanon also reserves the right to disqualify any Entrant if it reasonably believes that the Entrant has attempted to undermine the legitimate operation of the scholarship by cheating, deception, or other unfair playing practices or annouys, abuses, threatens or harasses other entrants, viewers, or the judges.

Privacy

MLK Community Coalition of Lebanon will not disclose Entrants' personal information, such as phone number or e-mail address, to any outside entity. Entrant's personal information will be used only to determine eligibility and distribute scholarship funds.

Publicity

As a condition of entry, Entrant agrees to permit MLK Community Coalition of Lebanon to use his or her name and/or likeness for advertising and promotional purposes without additional compensation, unless prohibited by law.

The undersigned voluntarily consents to MLK Community Coalition of Lebanon and its member credit unions permission to use my photograph(s), name, story and/or voice for communication purposes,

including without limitation in publications on the web, and releases Sharefax Credit Union or its members from any liability that may result from a use consistent with said release.

Warranty

By entering, Entrant represents and warrants to **Sharefax Credit Union**: that the submitted entry is the participant's own original work. In addition, participants release and hold harmless MLK Community Coalition of Lebanon, their respective affiliates, directors, officers, employees, attorneys, and representatives from any and all liability for any injuries, loss claim, action, demand, or damage of any kind arising from participation in the 2020 MLK Community Coalition of Lebanon Scholarship.

Entry Errors

MLK Community Coalition of Lebanon is not responsible for any malfunction of the scholarship submission site or any late, lost, damaged, misdirected, incomplete, illegible, undeliverable, or destroyed videos due to system errors, failed, incomplete or garbled technological malfunctions, or other telecommunication transmission malfunctions.