

# Write Your Mind

## Writing contest in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

### Categories:

- Middle School: Students  
Fluent in English
- Middle School: Students  
Not yet fluent in English
- High School: Students  
Fluent in English
- High School: Students  
Not yet fluent in English

**The winner of each  
category will receive  
\$100 and a chance to  
read their work at the  
Martin Luther King Jr.  
Day rally in January**

**“Hatred and bitterness can never cure the disease of fear; only love can do that.  
Hatred paralyzes life, love releases it.  
Hatred confuses life. Love harmonizes it. Hatred darkens life; love illuminates it.”**  
- Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

### Prompt (choose one): Write a Poem, Essay, or a Short Story

- About a week without prejudice
- About what you could do to personally combat racism or oppression
- Or about the 2010 Martin Luther King Jr. Day’s theme: “Human rights: moving beyond civil rights,” and what that theme means to you.

### Deadline: Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Open to youth living or attending Middle or High Schools in the City of Boulder, Colorado. Please include the form on the back with your **name, street address, phone number, email address, school, grade, & tell us whether or not you are fluent in English.**

- Mail to MLK Writing contest, Youth Opportunities Program, 2160 Spruce St., Boulder, Co 80302
- Fax to 303-441-4348
- Email to [swetta@bouldercolorado.gov](mailto:swetta@bouldercolorado.gov)
- Or give to your school interventionist. If you don’t know who that is call 303-441-4349

**For questions or information, call 303-441-4349**

This contest is co-sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Peace & Justice Center and Boulder’s YOAB/ Youth Opportunities Program



## **Martin Luther King, Jr. Writing Contest Entry Form**

**Please provide all info and attach this to your entry.  
Entries are due December 4, 2009.**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**U.S. Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**School** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher (if this was a class assignment)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Choose One:**  **I am not yet fluent in English**  
 **I am fluent in English**

**Prompt this piece responds to (choose one):**

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