



Inspirational Messages of Peace Contest

2020



Guidelines & Special Notes for Participating Schools

1. Students, Kindergarten - 11th grade may participate in the contest by writing a short, poetic Message of Peace, **35 words or less**, about Martin Luther King, Jr., Coretta Scott King or the special meaning of the World Peace Rose Garden. Poems over the word limit will not be eligible for judging. Words with one or two letters will not be counted when summing the number of words.
2. Each message must be **TYPED** and have a **TITLE**, the **STUDENT'S NAME**, **GRADE** and **SCHOOL**. Messages/Poems need to be submitted in English.
3. Designated judges from your school/program are asked to pick the Top 8 messages and submit them on the school's behalf.
4. Judges from International World Peace Rose Gardens and the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park in Atlanta, Georgia, will pick the top winner(s) from the finalists. The winner(s) will be announced on **April 3, 2020**.
5. The winning message(s) will be engraved on a plaque and placed in the World Peace Rose Garden at the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park for one year from the unveiling ceremony date.
6. The Winning Student(s) are invited to attend the celebration at the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park on **May 14, 2020**, 12:30 p.m. They will be asked to read their messages and unveil their plaques during the ceremony. Principals, teachers, family members of winning students and fellow Top Finalists are encouraged to support them by also attending the event.
7. The Winners and Finalists will be awarded t-shirts and certificates and each school will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Poetry entries are
DUE BY: Wednesday February 26, 2020

Please use this form to enter. This is the only way to enter your poem in the contest:

<https://forms.gle/9HtfoYTX6QqYyrG6>

Please contact Tonette Price at tprice@georgiacyber.org with any questions on the contest.