

Northwest Arkansas Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Planning Council Scholarship

Procedures and Guidelines

This Scholarship is limited to students enrolled at the University of Arkansas or high schools in Benton and Washington counties in Arkansas.

1. The NWA Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship shall be awarded annually at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Recommitment Banquet held in the month of January. This year, the banquet will be held on January 21, 2013. *The scholarship will be disbursed in the 2013-2014 academic year.*
2. When finances are available, \$1,000.00 scholarships will be given respectively to: (1) graduating seniors from high school; (2) currently enrolled non-graduating undergraduates; and (3) non-graduating graduate and professional students.
3. Applicants shall be high school seniors and/or students currently enrolled in an accredited college or university. Undergraduate applicant's transcript must reflect at least 15 college credit hours.
4. Scholarship applications will be available for interested parties no later than October 1, 2012. **Applications must be emailed to nwamlkscholar@yahoo.com and received no later than 5:00pm on Tuesday, October 30, 2012.**
5. The members of the MLK Scholarship subcommittee shall review the applications and submit their recommendations to the MLK Planning Council Members for final approval. Once the name(s) has/have been accepted by the MLK Planning Council, the recipient(s) will be notified *via email* prior to the MLK Banquet. Recipients will be invited and expected to attend the MLK Banquet to be recognized for their scholarship award.
6. The undergraduate or high school student must not have less than a 2.5 cumulative grade point average during the academic year in which the scholarship is awarded. The Graduate or Professional School student must not have less than a 2.7 cumulative grade point average.
7. Once the student has fulfilled the obligation of submitting proof of enrollment and an official transcript from the Registrar's office to the MLK Planning Council, the scholarship will be sent to the chosen institution in the name of the student. **Proof of enrollment and official transcript must be sent to: NWA MLK Planning Council, P.O. Box 3453, Fayetteville AR, 72702. Information must be submitted no later than July 19, 2013. Failure to meet the deadline could result in forfeiture of scholarship. Scholarship checks will be submitted to respective institutions on or before August 1, 2013.**
8. Forfeiture of the scholarship shall result if the student fails to enroll in an accredited college or university during the year in which the scholarship is awarded (the fall semester after graduation for a senior in high school and the fall semester following the scholarship award for the college students). All undergraduate awardees must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours per semester during the academic year of the scholarship award. Graduate and Law awardees must be full-time students each semester as defined by their respective schools.
9. In the event forfeiture occurs, the scholarship shall remain in the scholarship fund and will be awarded the following year to another deserving student.

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