

Martin Luther King Jr.
Committee Inc.
Education Foundation
Scholarship
Application Packet

Deadline: May 15, 2026

DEAR APPLICANT:

Martin Luther King Jr. Committee Inc. was started in El Paso, Texas, on September 28, 1998.

The Martin Luther King Jr Committee of El Paso was established by Bishop Johnnie Washington, Reverend James Larry Williams, and Enrique Irigoyen to keep the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. alive with programs, seminars, lectures, art, and Diversity throughout the city, county, and surrounding communities.

Scholarship Award

To promote the principle of scholarship, the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee, Inc. of El Paso, will provide **five** \$1,000.00 scholarships in 2026. The applicant must submit all supporting documents to The Martin Luther King Jr. Committee, Inc. The Committee reserves the right to process only applications found to be complete as of the postmark date.

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AND POSTMARKED
BY: May 15, 2026**

**Mail to:
Scholarship Chair
Martin Luther King Jr. Committee, Inc.
P.O Box 641224
El Paso, TX. 79904**

REQUIREMENTS:

- - Must be a graduating senior enrolled at a high school in El Paso County
- - Must demonstrate scholarly distinction
- - GPA 3.0 or above
- - Must submit a complete application with the following supporting documents:
 - A minimum of 500, maximum 1000 words typed essay showing your educational plan (please review the **Essay Criteria below**)
 - Two letters of recommendation
 - All must be original copies, signed, and on letterhead.
 - One recommendation must be from one of the following:
 - Teacher
 - School Administrator
 - School Counselor
 - Clergy
 - Other (a professional who knows the applicant's qualities as a student/employee)
 - Official high school transcript with cumulative GPA (see Transcript Information Section)
 - A list of non-paid activities and/or resume
 - Additional explanatory information or separate sheets, if applicable
 - College/University Letter of Acceptance, if available

- - Please review the enclosed checklist(s) for other requirements

Essay Criteria: APA format (American Psychological Association)

The essay should describe your reasons for submitting this application, educational plans, career objectives, and future goals. You may also include any unusual family or personal circumstances that have affected your achievement in school, work experience, or participation in community activities that you feel warrant attention. The essay must be typed, have 1-inch margins, 12 pt font Times New Roman or Arial 11 pt font, double-spaced, indent the first line of every paragraph by 0.5 inches, and be a minimum of 500 words and a maximum of 1000 words. Do not use contractions. APA does not encourage contractions. **Any essay not meeting these criteria will not be considered.**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Committee
Scholarship Application**

APPLICANT DATA

Last Name: _____ / First Name: _____ (MI): _____

Gender: Male Female

Permanent Address: _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Date of Birth: (Month) (Day) (Year)

Home Telephone Number: _____ Cellphone Number: _____

E-Mail Address:

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

The permanent mailing address of the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) if different from the applicant:

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Home Telephone Number: _____ Cellphone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

SCHOOL DATA

High School Attended: _____

Graduation Date: Month: _____ Year: _____

College or University to attend: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Field of Study: _____

Demographic Data

Please Check

Race

African American/Black Asian/Pacific Islander Hispanic/Latino

American Native American/Alaska Native Caucasian/White Other (Please Specify) _____

TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

Student ID: _____

1. High school seniors must include a high school transcript of grades and have the following section completed by the appropriate school official:

Applicant ranks: _____ in a class of: _____ Cumulative grade point average/4.0 scale _____

PSAT/SAT Critical Reading

Math

Writing

ACT Composite

School Official's Signature

Title

Date

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Telephone Number

School Address: _____

(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST

This application for student scholarship becomes complete only when you have returned the following materials.

- **Two first-class stamps are required for mailing.**
- Application availability **April 12, 2026 – 15 May 2026**
- Completion of all segments of the application form and all required materials
- All the necessary signatures (applicant/parents)
- Current Official Transcript of Grades
- PSAT/SAT/ACT Scores
- List of non-paid activities
- Student Resume (optional)
- Include two letters of recommendation- from your choice of counselor, teacher, school administrator, etc.

NO EXCEPTION SHALL BE MADE.

- Application Deadline: **May 15, 2026**
All mailed applications and required data must be postmarked by **May 15, 2026**

**INCOMPLETE AND LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
ESSAYS THAT ARE LESS THAN 500 WORDS OR MORE THAN 1000 WILL NOT BE
CONSIDERED**

Applicants will be notified by mail in the second week of June of the status of their application.

The Scholarship Award will be presented to the winning participants at a ceremony **last Sunday in June 2026.**

Proofreading Checklist

1. The essay should be typed in APA format (see essay criteria above).
2. Do NOT put your name on the essay or in the body of your essay. Instead, enter your name and other personal information only in the designated fields on the Scholarship Form.
3. Include the word count at the end of your essay.
4. Questions to consider asking yourself:
 - Have you spelled all words correctly?
 - Does each sentence end with the correct punctuation mark?
 - Have you begun all sentences with a capital letter?

Check comma usage (LIES):

L - Lists: Use commas to separate lists of three or more items. The comma before the final item is optional.

I - Introductions: Place a comma before the elements that precede the subject.

E - **Extra Information: Separate extra (non-essential) information into separate columns, using a comma on each side of the additional information.**

S - Sentences: Divide independent clauses (sentences) with a comma and a conjunction

Have you used apostrophes to show possession or missing numbers, as in ('06 for 2006/2006' for possession)?

Are all proper names of people, places, and things capitalized? Do subjects and verbs agree in tense and number?

Do pronouns and antecedents agree?

Do you have any run-ons, comma splices, or sentence fragments? Do all your paragraphs:

- Support the prompt or topic?
- Contain a topic sentence?
- Contain at least five (5) sentences that support the topic sentence?
- Use effective transitions between ideas?

Have you read your paper aloud (or had it read to you) to catch confusing wording or missing ideas?

Does your document meet the format and content requirements?

Is your document in compliance with APA formatting rules?