

Writing Contests

MLK Essay Contest

Senator Murphy's office is asking students from elementary, middle, and high schools from across Connecticut to participate in honoring the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. by submitting essays that reflect on Dr. King's dream, their own aspirations, and the importance of what Dr. King means to them.

Submissions are now open. Essays can be submitted online to bit.ly/murphymk **OR** mailed to the Hartford office: ATTN: Kay Muñoz 120 Huyshope Avenue Hartford, Connecticut 06106. **(Please note, if submissions are done online they do not have to be mailed in.)**

All submissions must be received by January 8th. One winner will be chosen from the elementary, middle school, and high school submissions per Congressional District. Once the winners are chosen, we will notify all schools of the winners. Winners will have their essays displayed in his office.

Essays should be no more than 500 words for high school students (grades 9-12).

Play Writing Competition

The Palace and Salgado Productions are pleased to announce the 7th Annual Ernie DiMattia Emerging Young Artist Awards given for Playwriting. Three high school students in grades nine through twelve will win monetary prizes for their writing of an original 15 minute, One Act play. The winners will each receive \$500!

The three winning plays will each have a reading of their play on Zoom with professional New York Directors and Actors on Sunday, March 14, 2021. With the guidance of Luis Salgado and Salgado Productions Directors, the students will further develop their characters and their play during the rehearsal process.

See your English teacher for application and criteria.

The completed application and the formatted play **MUST** be received via Email on or before the end of the business day (5pm) on February 1, 2021