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...my br...  
...ertain way.  
Martin Luther King had a dream and  
I want to finish what he started. I  
For my brothers' heart to heal so I c  
To rid the world of racism so everyone  
even if they don't look like me  
I have a dream like Martin Luther King.

# Placer County MLK Jr. Day POETRY CONTEST

Cash Prizes:  
1st Place: \$100  
2nd Place: \$50  
3rd Place: \$25

Deadline Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026



• All Ages • All Grades • FB: @PlacerCtyMLKDay

- Poems may be submitted by the poet, the poet's parent/legal guardian, or teacher. All work must be original. Judges will look for originality, effectiveness of message, and relevance to this year's theme:

## Helping and Healing Our Beloved Community

- Poets must be age 18 or younger when poem is submitted.
- Poets may use their full name, first name only, or a pseudonym at their parents' discretion. Poems will be shared publicly. Contact information will not be published.
- All poetry styles welcome!
- Poems will be available for public viewing digitally. Winning poems will be used to promote the **Placer County MLK Jr. Day March** and showcased during the event on 1/20/25.

TO ENTER:

- Please send entries as .jpgs, .pdfs, or .docx to [poetryplacermk@gmail.com](mailto:poetryplacermk@gmail.com)

• In addition to the entry, please include:

1. Poet's name, age, grade, and name of school (Homeschoolers welcome).
2. Release form, including parent/guardian's name and contact info.