



BE THE CHANGE

2027 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Poetry & Art Contest

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The Jackie Robinson Family YMCA invites all San Diego area students to participate in the 2027 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Poetry & Art Contest!

THEME: Keep the Dream Alive: What does Dr. King's dream mean to you, and how can you help carry it forward?

AGE DIVISIONS: Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12

CRITERIA: Originality, relevance to the theme and presentation/neatness.
Submissions may be in the form of art, poetry, essay or spoken word.

AWARDS FOR EACH DIVISION: 1ST place - \$100 gift card | 2nd place - \$75 gift card

DEADLINE: Monday, December 14, 2026 | 8:00 pm
Submit original entries by mail, e-mail or hand deliver to:
Jackie Robinson Family YMCA "MLK Contest"
151 YMCA Way, San Diego, CA 92102

Winners will be notified Monday, December 28, 2026

For more information, contact: Esme Pena • cpena@ymcasd.org • 619-265-0144 ext. 1714

PLEASE ATTACH ENTRY FORM TO EACH SUBMISSION.

Student Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent Phone: _____

Parent E-mail: _____

Submission: ☐ Art ☐ Poetry ☐ Essay ☐ Spoken Word

School: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher Name: _____ Teacher Phone: _____

Teacher E-mail: _____